HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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QUAD: Southington

DISTRICT | IF NR. SPECIFY

			S NR	Actual	Potential			
1	1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)						
	Ideal Forging	Peck,	Peck, Stow & Wilcox Factory					
8	2. TOWN/CITY VILLAGE		COUNTY		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
	Southington Southi	ngton	H	artford				
F	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)							
<u>u</u>	217 Center Street (map 107, parc	el 129) c.6 ac	res					
DENTIFICATION	4. OWNER(S) Ideal Forging Corp.		1					
Z	167 Center Street, Southington, CT	06489		Public	X Private			
9	5. USE (Present) (Historic)							
	Manufacturing 6. EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCE	Manufacturing ESSHIF T IF YES, EXPLAIN						
	ACCESSIBILITY) Company	No No	CAIN					
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	יוס	DATE OF CONSTR	RUCTION				
	Industrial vernacular		1912+					
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)							
	Clapboard Asbestos Siding X Brick	Other (Specify)					
		<u> </u>	,					
	Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fields	tone						
	Board & Batten Stucco Cobble	stone						
	Aluminum Concrete Cut st	one						
	Siding Type: Type: 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM							
1	Wood frame Post and beam balloo	า						
	X Load bearing masonry Structu	ral iron or steel						
	() () () () ()							
	Other (Specify)							
	Gable X Flat Mansard X Monito	x sawtooth	•					
			•					
z	Gambrel Shed Hip Round	Other (Specify)		and the same of th			
DESCRIPTION	(Material)							
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SC	Wood Shingle Asphalt Tin Slate		☐ Gable	end to the street				
96	Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Special	·)	Ridge	parallel to the st	rget			
	11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS							
- 1	1-2 See sketch plan							
	12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exte	(01)						
		excellent X Goo	d Foir	Deteriorated_				
	13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN ' (Alterations)	IF YES, EXPLAIN		•				
	X site Moved X Yes No	S	ee Item 17					
- 1	Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)							
	Carriage Shop Garden							
1	15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT				***************************************			
·	Open land Wood- Residential Sc	attered buildings visi	ble from site					
	Indus-	1.1.110						
	Commercial X trial Rural X H	gh building density						
•	Occupies a large lot bisected by the Quint	nipiac River: 2	across from s	Southington	Cutlerv			
	complex; other later forge buildings near				1			
	complex, concertated forge partarnys near	· 1 ·			(OVER)			

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	The former plant of Peck, Stow & Wilcox, now Ideal Forging, consists of several large buildings on the southern part of the parcel bounded by Factory, Center, Water, and Mill streets; the northern part, which formerly contained storage buildings and a large c.1870 H-plan factory, is vacant. Also demolished was a large foundry building and part of the powerhouse. The majority of the complex, as it now stands, was built in 1912, with further additions in the 1920s and 1930s. Remaining buildings include a huge sawtooth-roofed forging building and a large monitor-roofed annealing building, both steel-framed; 2-story brick manufacturing buildings, one of which was cut down from 5 stories, along Factory and Center streets; and several smaller buildings for ancillary processes, some with monitor roofs. (continued)					
	18. ARCHITECT	BUILDER				
	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE					
SIGNIFICANCE	Despite extensive alterations, the former plant of Peck, Stow & Wilcox has exceptional local historical significance because of its associations with Southington's largest manufacturer. Formed in 1870 from three of the area's largest producers of tinners' tools, the merger achieved control over key patents in the industry, as well as production and marketing. Peck, Stow & Wilcox had over 500 employees by 1880 and continued to grow in subsequent years. In addition to tinners tools, the firm produced a general line of consumer and builders hardware which by 1890 filled a catalog of 600 pages. In 1912 the company expanded its earlier plant with large manufacturing buildings, mostly for machining, a huge forge, and a foundry (no longer extant). As the largest industrial enterprise in Southington, the company's influence permeated the community; its officers were prominent in the social and political life of the Southington, and they were involved in other large manufacturing enterprises such as the Pultz & Walkley bag works and Southington Cutlery (continued)					
	"Aeroview of Southington, Connecticut, 1914	4"				
SOURCES	Atwater, History of Southington (1924). Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1911-1948. White, Frank G. "A Checklist of Tinner's Tool Manufacturers," Chronicle of the Early American Industries Assn., 32 (September, 1979): 42-45					
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	55 Van Dyke Avenue, Hartford CT 06106 UBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS					
31	HREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE					
	None known Highways Vandalism	Developers Other				
<u> </u>	Renewal Private Deterioration	Zoning Explanation				

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CONTINUATION SHEET 217 Center Street Southington, CT 06489

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POTENTIAL

Historical and Architectural Importance:

Because of Peck, Stow & Wilcox, Connecticut continued to dominate the production of sheet-metal tools well into the 20th century. The buildings in this complex recall the company's role in the industrial development of Southington and the state.

They also have significance as examples of 20th-century industrial construction. Despite altered siding and windows, they exhibit such distinctive characteristics as steel framing for large metal production buildings, monitor roofs on heat-treatment and other fume-producing buildings, and sawtooth roofs to provide light for buildings with wide proportions.

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Brick buildings are generally of pier construction, and most have stone datestones. The Quinnipiac River flows through the site in a stone-walled channel. Buildings keyed to sketch map:

- A. Brick-pier office and machine shop, 2 stories (originally 5), 1912 (noncontributing because of alteration); openings filled with translucent panels and small modern windows.
- B. Brick-pier machine shop, 2 stories, 1925; windows as above.(contributing)
- C. Monitor-roofed brick-pier pickling building, 1924. (contributing)
- D. Brick-pier boilerhouse, 2 stories, large round-arched windows, 1912; part demolished. (contributing)
- E. Small frame building, 1 1/2 stories, gable roof, c.1925. (contributing)
- F. Steel-framed annealing building, c.1930, brick ends with buttresses, stepped gable; monitor roof. (contributing)
- G. Brick cold-trimming building, 1 story, c.1920; monitor roof. (contributing
- H. Steel-framed forge building, sawtooth roof, 1912; modern windows and metal siding; originally had second tier of windows. (contributing)
- I. Brick-pier pattern-storage building, 2 stories, 1926. (contributing)
- J. Brick-pier grinding building, 1924, 1 story, monitor roof, stepped end parapet. (contributing)
- K. Addition to forge building, 1 story, shed roof, metal siding, c.1980 (noncontributing).
- L. Brick extension to grinding room, 1942 (noncontributing).

Boundary: The boundary includes the southern portion of Parcel 129, Southington Assessor Map 107, immediately surrounding the industrial buildings. The north part of the lot, now vacant land, is excluded, with the boundary running between Water Street and Factory Street in a straight line at a distance 50'north of the former boilerhouse building.

Building Count:

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Contributing: 9
Noncontributing: 3

Total: 12

