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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property Wilmot Apartments Historic District (use for publication)  
historic name Wilmot Apartments  
other names/site number Connecticut Avenue Group  
Wartime Emergency Housing in Bridgeport, 1916 - 1920 (Multiple Property Form)

2. Location  
street & number See Continuation Sheet  not for publication N/A  
city, town Bridgeport  vicinity  
state Connecticut code CT county Fairfield code 001 zip code 06607

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object		<u>      </u> objects
		<u>4</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Wartime Emergency Housing in Bridgeport,  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of certifying official John W. Shanahan, State Historic Preservation Officer Date 8/9/90  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register. Beth J. Savage 9-26-90  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)  
Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/multiple dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/multiple dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and 20th century Revivals:  
Colonial Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation granitewalls brickroof roll asphaltother

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

Located on the north side of Connecticut Avenue and including the northernmost section of Wilmot Avenue and all of Ordnance Court, Wilmot Apartments comprise a tight residential enclave in a mixed-use, commercial/residential neighborhood in the east side of Bridgeport.

This apartment complex consists of four attached brick blocks laid out facing four streets and grouped around a courtyard reminiscent of a college quadrangle. A paved, circular court terminates an axis formed by Wilmot Avenue. With the exception of the irregular buildings at the corner of Connecticut and Wilmot, all blocks are rectangular in plan. These angled buildings, at the northeast and northwest corners of Wilmot and Connecticut Avenues (Photographs 1 and 2) serve to define the entrance of the complex. Each building rises three stories above a high basement and terminates with a limestone cap concealing a flat roof. All elevations are expressed with red brick laid in six-course American bond and are enlivened by cast-stone string courses, keystones, and sills. Angled wooden oriel windows, used sparingly at the second floor, add further visual interest to the restrained design of these buildings. Entrances feature low stoops and include various classically inspired, Colonial Revival surrounds as well as shallow and deep enclosed porches articulated in the Ionic and Tuscan orders (occurring in paired or single columns) with flat entablatures and pedimented gables (Photographs 1, 2 and 3). At the rear of each block are full-height wooden porches, some of which have been enclosed, serving each apartment (Photograph 4).

The buildings survive with a high degree of integrity

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Wilmot Apartments Inclusive Address List

630, 640 Carroll Avenue

759, 773, 785, 805, 819 Connecticut Avenue

30, 40 Ordnance Court

556, 557, 589, 590, 591, 603, 606, 607, 610 Wilmot Avenue

The Wilmot Apartments is owned by

Wilmot Apartments, Inc.  
c/o William Pjura, Jr.  
610 Wilmot Avenue Apt. 3  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

This district consists of less than 50 properties.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Community Planning and Development  
Architecture  
Social History

Period of Significance

1916 - 1920

Significant Dates

1916 - 1920

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

R. Clipston Sturgis, Skinner and Walker,  
Arthur Shurtleff

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Wilmot Apartments, known as the Connecticut Avenue Group when built, are significant due to their direct association with the U.S. Housing Corporation's efforts to provide emergency housing for workers manning the factories of the city's war related industries. The complex is a good example of the first government-subsidized housing built in Bridgeport. It survives as a local legacy reflecting the high design quality and first national housing standards achieved through the earliest government-owned housing program in the U.S. It is an excellent example of the work of the collaborative efforts of R. Clipston Sturgis, Skinner and Walker, and planner Arthur Shurtleff, who created a well-conceived and well-executed model housing unit that maintains a distinct urban character incorporating middle-class housing tastes with English Garden City and American Garden Suburb tenets. As built, the complex presents a strong visual presence and prominence derived from a cohesive site plan, shared materials, and similar scale, proportion, and design quality that set it apart from its immediate urban context. It is also significant for its association with Bridgeport's most intense period of growth as housing for workers involved in defense work at local industrial firms such as the Bridgeport Projectile Company.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Form  
(Wartime Emergency Housing in Bridgeport, 1916 - 1920)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A  
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)  
has been requested  
 previously listed in the National Register  
 previously determined eligible by the National Register  
 designated a National Historic Landmark  
 recorded by Historic American Buildings  
Survey # \_\_\_\_\_  
 recorded by Historic American Engineering  
Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Bridgeport City Archives

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Approximately 5 acres

UTM References

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4	1	5	6	1	0	4	6	1	0
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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

See Figure #1 (Map)

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Boundary Justification

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## Boundary Justification

The Wilmot Apartments Historic District is located within a clearly defined neighborhood of Bridgeport outlined by the boundaries of the original land purchased by the U. S. Housing Corporation in 1918. Distinctive architectural features, including overall building design, and Classical decoration identify the buildings associated with the United States Housing Corporation development. Landscape features, such as sidewalks, interior courtyards, and flowering trees, add cohesiveness to the district. The edges of the district are bordered by nineteenth and twentieth-century residential and commercial construction.

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Wilmot Apartments Photographs

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MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM, WARTIME EMERGENCY HOUSING IN BRIDGEPORT, 1916 - 1920  
Bridgeport, Connecticut  
Wilmot Apartments  
#785 Connecticut Avenue, looking north  
Photograph # 1

BP/1/19/89

MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM, WARTIME EMERGENCY HOUSING IN BRIDGEPORT, 1916 - 1920  
Bridgeport, Connecticut  
Wilmot Apartments  
#805 Connecticut Avenue, looking northeast  
Photograph # 2

BP/1/20/89

MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM, WARTIME EMERGENCY HOUSING IN BRIDGEPORT, 1916 - 1920  
Bridgeport, Connecticut  
Wilmot Apartments  
590 - 607 Ordnance Court, looking north  
Photograph # 3

BP/1/21/89

MULTIPLE PROPERTY FORM, WARTIME EMERGENCY HOUSING IN BRIDGEPORT, 1916 - 1920  
Bridgeport, Connecticut  
Wilmot Apartments  
Rear courtyard between 10 and 32 Ordnance Court, looking southwest  
Photograph # 4

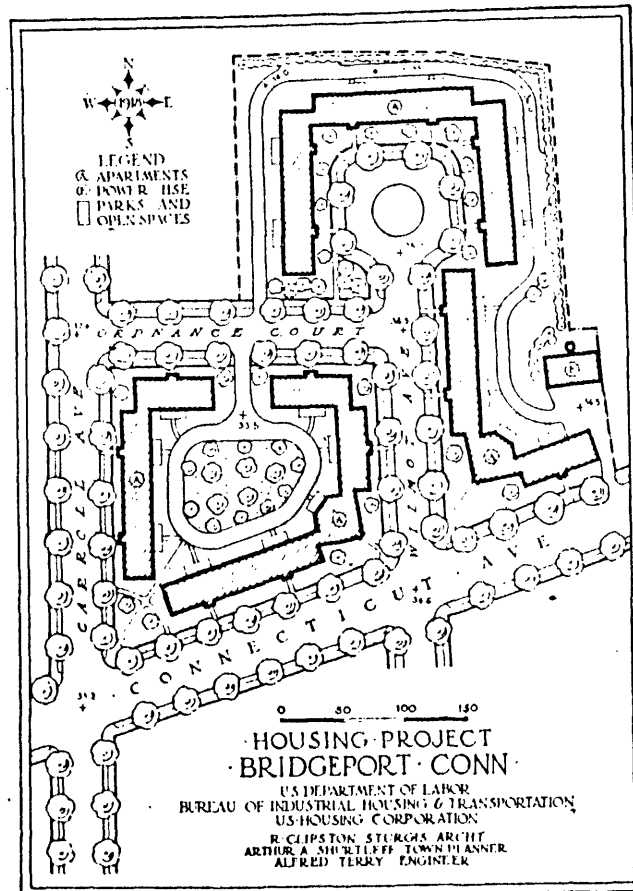
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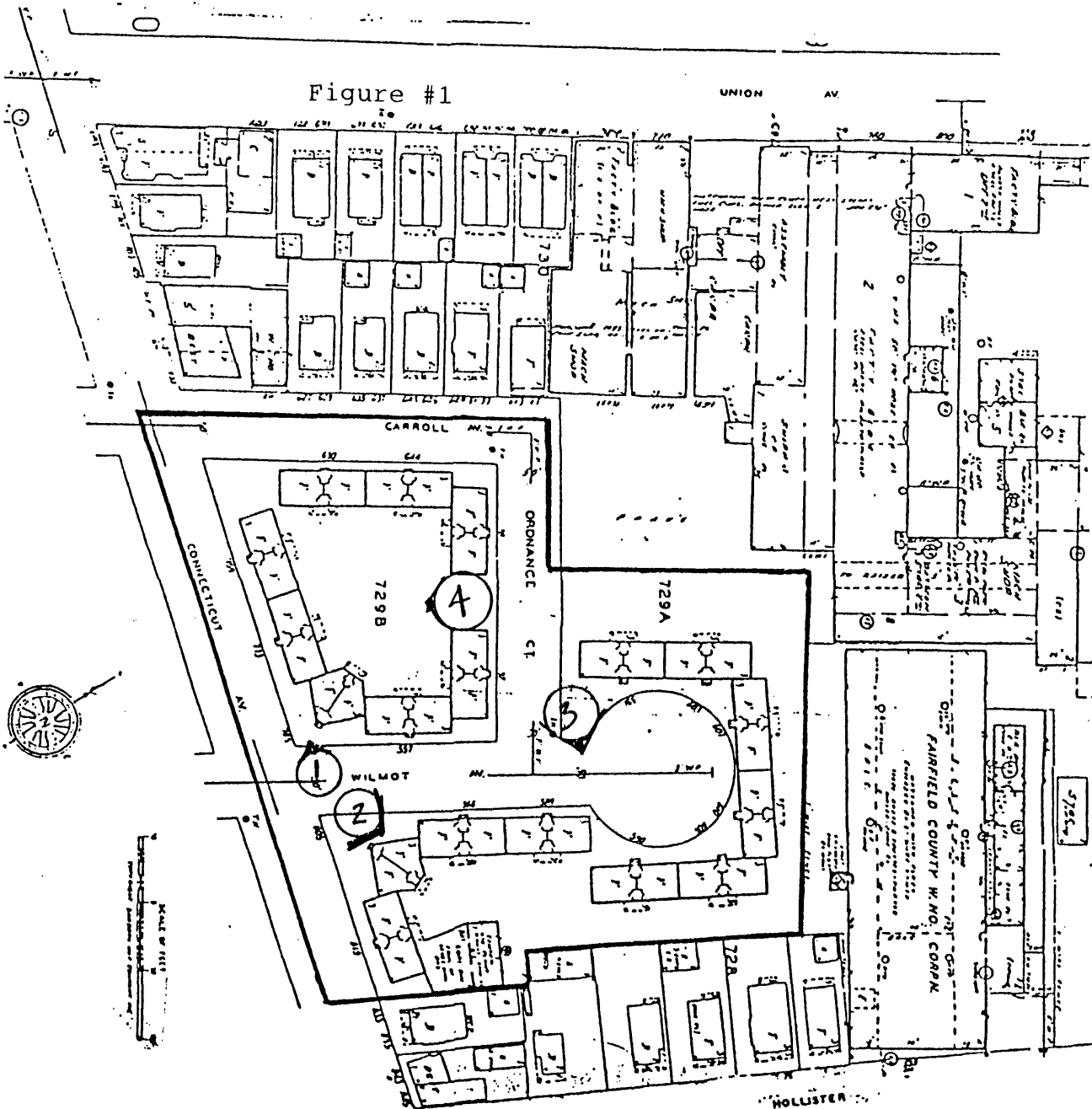
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Map & Photo

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Figure #1



Wilmot Apartments  
Photo Key and Boundary

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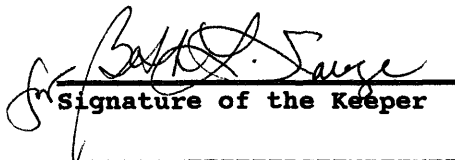
**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

**NRIS Reference Number:** 90001423      **Date Listed:** 09/26/90

Wilmot Apartments Historic District      Fairfield      CT  
**Property Name**                                      **County**                                      **State**

Wartime Emergency Housing in Bridgeport MPS  
**Multiple Name**

**This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.**

  
**Signature of the Keeper**

9/26/90  
**Date of Action**

**Amended Items in Nomination:**

**10. Geographical Data: VBD**

The accurate scale for the sketch map sufficing for the VBD is 7/8" = 100'.

This information has been confirmed with John Herzan, National Register Coordinator, CTSHPD, by telephone.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

- National Register property file**
- Nominating Authority (without attachment)**