

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 REV. 6/83

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 1:8 6 7:5 8:2:0 4:6 0:6 1:2:0	
QUAD:	Southington
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) *(Historic)*
Hurwood Company; later, Stanley Tool Company

2. TOWN/CITY: Southington VILLAGE: Plantsville 06479 COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 379 Summer Street (map 83, parcel 44) 4.8 acres

4. OWNER(S): Ralph Carbone, CCR c/o Rex Forge Division, P.O.Box 39, Plantsville, CT 06479 Public Private

5. USE (Present) *(Historic)*
Manufacturing Manufacturing

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN: for business purposes

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Industrial vernacular DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c.1885(A), c.1900(V); 1909(A&V); and later

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):
 Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) metal siding(non-original parts of building)
 Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone
 Board & Batten Stucco Cobblestone
 Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 Wood frame Post and beam balloon
 Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type):
 Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____
 (Material)
 Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate
 Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 1 & 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: see accompanying continuation sheet

12. CONDITION (Structural) *(Exterior)*
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN: large rear additions, and windows and entrances altered
 On original site Moved Yes No

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
 Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site
 Commercial Industrial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: Situated on east side of Summer Street, across from houses of varying age and size. These buildings are set back behind railroad tracks, and are just west of the Quinnipiac River.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A complex of buildings constructed at various times, the oldest of which (and most intact and architecturally distinguished) are described below as buildings A & B (see attached sketch for their dimensions and layout):

"A" is a large, L-plan gray brick 2-story building, 9 bays wide in its west elevation (facing the railroad tracks) and 13-bays deep in its south elevation. The roof in the east/west-oriented pavilion is steeply-pitched; that of the side pavilion has a shallow pitch. The windows generally are 8/8 wood sash, set under segmental brick arches and with stone sills; those in the east/west pavilion are narrower than elsewhere, and in the gable end facade of this pavilion is a large, 2nd-story opening (now mostly boarded up) that appears originally to have been a loading door. The brick cornice in the side pavilion is dentillated, and in the other features a diagonally (go to continuation sheet)

18. ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

These buildings are historically important because they were the original location for the manufacture of solid headed screw drivers. George Wood invented this screw driver in 1901 and, in partnership with John Hurley, the head of Southington's Electric Road, began the production of these tools in this factory complex. The Stanley Rule and Level Company of New Britain (afterwards the Stanley Tool Company) acquired the young company in 1904 and manufactured both screw drivers and chisels (following Wood's invention and patent of a new chisel in 1912) at this plant through mid-century.

The buildings are architecturally significant because they are a largely intact, late 19th-century example of Southington's industrial architecture, most of which is now gone. Complexes such as these dominated the town visually for several generations. Despite extensive additions, these structures retain many of their original features and illustrate the continued popularity of early- to mid-19th century forms in c.1900 buildings.

Atwater, History of Southington, Connecticut (1924), pp. 509-511.
The Southington News, August 22, 1963.

SOURCES

PHOTOGRAPHER

DATE

Gregory E. Andrews 3/86

VIEW see accompanying photographs

NEGATIVE ON FILE
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Place

NAME

DATE

Gregory E. Andrews 4/86

Photograph

ORGANIZATION

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ADDRESS

1643 Boulevard, West Hartford, CT 06107

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

Additional research indicates both A and B were built before 1884, probably for the Connecticut [Electric] Motor Company. Later occupants were a maker of steam fittings and Hurley/Wood, as above. About 1905 Building B became part of Thompson Drop Forge, a Plantsville manufacturer, and later Lauria Machine shop. Building A with additions became Stanley Tool, as above.

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

- None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____
 Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Historic Industrial Complexes of Southington TR
State Hartford County, CT

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Cover

for Keeper Beth L. Savage 12-8-88

1. Atwater Manufacturing Company

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Attest _____

2. Clark Brothers Factory No. 1

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3. Clark Brothers Factory No. 2

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4. Hurwood Company

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5. Peck, Stow & Wilcox Factory

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6. Pultz & Walkley Company

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7. Southington Cutlery Factory

Substantive Review

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8. Blakeslee Forging Company

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Keeper _____

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Keeper _____

Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hurwood Company

MULTIPLE NAME: Historic Industrial Complexes of Southington TR

STATE & COUNTY: CONNECTICUT, Hartford

DATE RECEIVED: 10/24/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/08/88
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/24/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/08/88
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88002681

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 12/8/88 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Significant late 19th-century complex associated with the manufacture of solid headed screwdrivers, an important Southington industry later acquired by the Stanley Rule and Level Company (afterward the Stanley Tool Company).

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept And
REVIEWER Savard
DISCIPLINE Architectural History
DATE 12-8-88

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTMs boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____





Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000094