

Local History Room

Selected Resources for Researching New Haven's Neighborhoods

The following guide is intended to be a starting point for those researching any of New Haven's neighborhoods in the Local History Room. Resources are in several collections and cover a wide range of formats, including municipal documents, statistical reports, books, photographs, websites, maps, and other material. This list is not intended to be comprehensive; the Library's Local History staff can refer you to additional resources.

Census Data

Census publications spanning several periods in New Haven's history are dispersed throughout the Ives Main Library. Census tracts which roughly correspond to New Haven's neighborhoods provide data that is particularly valuable for researching the city's neighborhoods. In addition to census tract data in the Library's Local History Room (see below), the Main Library's collection of Census publications includes 1980 and 1990 New Haven Census tract data.

Local History Material

Selected Books and Other Publications

Balzer, Richard. *Street Time: Text Based on Conversations with Fred Harris*. New York: Grossman Publishers, 1972.

Call Number: R917.468 BALZER

Brown, Elizabeth Mills. *Historic Houses of Wooster Square*. New Haven: New Haven Preservation Trust, 1969.

Call Number: R 917.461 N456h

Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. *Dwight Area Historical and Architectural Resources Survey*. 3 vols.

New Haven: Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, n.d.

Call Number: R352.07461 CONNECTICUT

Gardener, Benjamin. *Fair Haven: Where the Rivers Meet the Sea*. New Haven: n.p., n.d.

Call Number: 974.61 GARDNER

Goldberg, Carey, ed. *Inside New Haven's Neighborhoods: a Guide to the City of New Haven*. New Haven: City of New Haven in cooperation with the New Haven Colony Historical Society, 1982.

Call Number: R917.461 N421i

Homman, Mary. *Wooster Square Design: A Report on the Background, Experience, and Design Procedures in Redevelopment and Rehabilitation in an Urban Renewal Project*. New Haven: New Haven

Redevelopment Agency, 1965.

Call Number: R352.07461 H743w

Lattanzi, Robert. *Oyster Village to Melting Pot: the Hill Section of New Haven*. Chester, CT: Pattaconk Brook Publications, 2000.

Call Number: R974.61 LATTANZI

Niles, Anne F. *New Haven Historic Resources Inventory*. New Haven: New Haven Preservation Trust, 1982.

Call Number: R917.461 N456nb

Townsend, Doris B. *Fair Haven: A Journey Through Time*. New Haven: New Haven Colony Historical Society, 1976.

Call Number: R974.61 T663f

Woodmansee, Florence. "Notes on Westville", Typescript. [1921].

Call Number: R974.61 W17

Selected New Haven Municipal Documents

ALDERMAN, BOARD OF

- Neighborhood Meetings 1983: Dixwell-Newhallville, Dwight, East Rock-Wooster Square, East Shore, Fair Haven, Hill, Westville

CITY DEMONSTRATION AGENCY

- Comprehensive Program for New Haven's Model Neighborhood: The Hill DRAFT, 1969
- Ideas for the Hill Model Neighborhood, 1967

CITY PLAN DEPARTMENT

- Neighborhood Data Summaries, 1967
- Neighborhood Statistics Program, 1983

COMMUNITY PROGRESS INCORPORATED

- CPI Manpower Division Inner City Survey Final Report, 1967
- Guidelines for Participation in the Development of Neighborhood Corporations, 1968
- Report to the New Haven Redevelopment Agency, 1963-64

EMPOWER NEW HAVEN

- Dixwell Making it Happen ... This is Only the Beginning, 2000
- Dixwell Neighborhood Phase I Submission (Draft), 2001
- Dwight Neighborhood Phase I Submission (Draft), 2001
- Fair Haven Neighborhood Plan Phase I (Draft), 2000
- First 21 Months: January 1999 – September 2000
- Hill Neighborhood Plan, 2001

- Newhallville Neighborhood Study, 2000
- West Rock, 2000

GOALS FOR NEW HAVEN

- Neighborhood and Housing Committee, 1979

HEALTH

- Vital Statistics: 1962-1979, 1983-1998

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

- Iron Fences of Wooster Square, 1974
- Quinnipiac River Historic District, 1977
- Quinnipiac River Historic District Extension, 1982

HOUSING

- Empowerment Zone Application, 1998

POLICE

- Police and Neighborhood Resources Manual: 1992, 1993

REDEVELOPMENT

- Dixwell Redevelopment and Renewal Plan: 1960, 1967
- Dwight Redevelopment and Renewal Plan: 1963, 1965, 1968
- Fair Haven Redevelopment and Renewal Plan, 1969, 1975, 1977
- Hill: A Neighborhood Plan for the Future, 1966
- Hill Redevelopment and Renewal Plan (Proposed), 1972
- Ideas for the Hill Model Neighborhood Program, 1967
- Long Wharf Development Commercial, Retail, Tourist, and Maritime Center, 1984
- Long Wharf Redevelopment Plan: 1958, 1970
- Middle Ground: A Program for New Haven's Middle-Aged Neighborhoods, 1959
- New Haven's Approach to Neighborhood Improvement, 1969
- Newhallville Renewal and Redevelopment Plan, 1968
- Ninth Square Project: New Haven Preservation Trust Design Guidelines, 1984
- Ninth Square Project: Ninth Square Association Interim Report, 1984
- Ninth Square Project: Preservation Trust Business Plan, 1984
- Ninth Square Project: Tax Implications for Non Profit Organizations in Commercial Real Estate Development, 1984
- Pretest Block Data, 1967

- Redevelopment Plan for the Oak Street Redevelopment Area, 1959
- Redevelopment Project Oak Street Area, 1955
- State Street Renewal and Redevelopment Plan: 1968, 1969
- State Street Renewal and Redevelopment Project: Transportation Center Study, 1971
- Wooster Square Redevelopment and Renewal Plan: 1958, 1961, 1967
- Wooster Square School – Community Center Architectural Program, 1959

For a complete list of the Library's New Haven Municipal Document Collection, download the [Collection Guide for New Haven Municipal Documents](#).

New Haven Census

1870-1970 Contains ward/tract data (personal names are included only in the Library's 1790 Census records).

Vertical File Collection

Files classified under City Planning and Neighborhood Groups and Centers include newspaper clippings (articles were clipped selectively, so check newspaper indexes for a more complete list of available articles), newsletters, brochures, and city agency publications relevant to New Haven's neighborhoods