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TOWN NO: Site No:
UTM: 18/ / / / / / / QUAD:
DISTRICT: / SR: ACTUAL POTENTIAL

RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
ings and Structures

LOCATION
COMMON NAME: Woolworth's Historic: same
W/N/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: 
RE/T & NUMBER (and/or location): 428 Main Street PUBLIC × PRIVATE
OWNERS: James Young and Ethel Young Harris Historic: same
P: Present: Variety Store Interior accessible: × yes no
C: Visibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: × yes no
Interior accessible: × yes, explain: store no

STRUCTION
STYLE OF BUILDING: Commercial Art Deco DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1939

ERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
- lapboard
- wood shingle
- board & batten
- aluminum siding
- other: marble & glass storefront; thin glazed terra cotta foundation

TUCTURAL SYSTEM:
- wood frame: post and beam balloon
- load bearing masonry: structural iron or steel interior framing
- other: X

OUF: type:
- gable: X flat
- gambrel
- shed
- hip
- monitor
- round
- sawtooth
- other:

MATERIAL:
- wood shingle
- asphalt shingle
- built up
- roll asphalt
- tin
- slate
- other:

NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 41' × 132'

CONDITON: Structural:
- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated

Exterior:
- excellent
- good
- X fair
- deteriorated

INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site moved, when:
- Alterations: no × yes, explain: Storefront altered; new sign

ELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
- barn
- carriage house
- shed
- garage
- shop
- garden
- other landscape features or buildings:

URROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
- open land
- woodland
- residential
- commercial
- industrial
- rural
- scattered buildings visible from site
- high building density

TERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: This two story commercial structure is situated on the east side of Main Street in Middletown's central business district. It's between earlier three story commercial buildings. Its two story height, light colored gabled facade, and modernistic details contrast with its immediate neighbors.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

Street level black marble panels with decorative "W" steel grills

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: 
Builder: 

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: In 1939, as Middletown was emerging from the depression, F.W. Woolworth's "5 & 10 cent Store" moved from lower Main Street to a new building designed in the exuberant modern commercial style. The business is still conducted by the same chain store firm.

The large plate glass display windows sit on low black marble panels and are joined together by thick metal strips. The upper portion of the facade is decorated with vertical designs in low relief and heart shaped cut outs. The roof line features a stepped parapet with rounded corners. A long plastic sign board with "WOOLWORTH'S" in bright red letters separates the first and second stories.

This building adds a decorative note to Main Street and is one of Middletown's few Art Deco structures.

PHOTOGRAPH

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19. SOURCES: Middletown Land Records; Middletown City Directories; Marino Postal Card Collection, Greater Middletown Preservation Trust

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

X none known  ____ highways  ____ vandalism  ____ developers  ____ other:

____ renewal  ____ private  ____ deterioration  ____ zoning  ____ explanation:
Woolworth's
428-432 Main Street (formerly #428)
Middletown, CT 06457