

Asylum Hill Then & Now Trumbull House



The above photo from the Connecticut Historical Society collection shows the Trumbull House and the writing on the back describes it as “on the east corner of Asylum and Atwood. At the time, there were mostly houses on Asylum. A careful viewing shows both Asylum Avenue having dirt paving and trolley tracks. This was a period of transition for Hartford as the horse drawn Trolleys that began in 1863 were transitioning to electric. So it’s fair to assume that this photo was taken very near the turn of the Century but before electric came to Asylum Avenue.

Below, is the Hartford Federal Credit Union building, built about 1957. By then, all of the trolley tracks on Asylum Ave and most of the other streets in Hartford were covered over or taken up. Electric transportation now consists of rental scooters, which can occasionally be seen on Asylum Ave, as well as the rest of Asylum Hill and Hartford.

