

AH Then & Now - 85 Sigourney St



The photo above is from the Library of Congress' Historic American Building Survey and was taken in 1981 by Don Belliveau. It is one of four photos in the series that shows, this store front at 83-85 Sigourney St, which was originally built about 1865 as a two-family home. The accompanying text states "is the oldest surviving house on the southern side of Sigourney St. and documents a style infrequently found on Asylum Hill," being described as Italianate. Less than five years later, it was taken down to build the Aetna Training Facility, called ADPET by the employees for their sales staff shown below. Since 1998 it has been the Hastings Hotel, the CT Culinary Institute and Lincoln Culinary Institute until 2017 when it closed. The buildings owners have been trying to find a use for it ever since. More photos can be found at <http://bit.ly/85SigLOC>

