

WFSB.com**Historic Building To Be Demolished****Roof Collapsed From Weight Of Snow, Ice, Rain**

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HARTFORD, Conn. -- A historic Hartford home may be hours away from demolition because it began to collapse under the weight of snow and ice.

The city ordered the property demolished on Thursday because it was too far gone to save. The home, located at 15-17 Gillette St., has a short time left until it is reduced to rubble.

The Hartford Preservation Alliance said its heartbroken because the building is so old.

"The building can't be saved at this point," said contractor Mark Swiatloiec.

Swiatloiec gave a tour of the damaged home to Channel 3 Eyewitness News reporter Len Besthoff to show what's left.

He explained what's holding up the demolition.

"We're doing an environmental survey to determine if there are any environmental hazards in the building. At that point, we can make a decision," he said.

The items inside that were shown to Eyewitness News included stacks of Life Magazine from the 1960s, as well as a bookcase full of classical literature.

The building was built in 1870.

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