

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
 HIST-6 NEW 5-77

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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105/33/20/A/

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
THOMPSON		THE JAMES AND NANCY CRUFF FARM	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	THOMPSON	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		105/33-20 (2)	
278 CHASE ROAD (143 CHASE RD.)			
4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
BROUGHTON, JULIA A., BOX 3441, GROTON, CT 06340			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Vernacular		c. 1865	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
(Material)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2 1/2		22' x 16' (main part); 22' x 65' (overall)	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	LATER SIDING	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
In a semi-rural area with a number of 19th century houses.			

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough	DATE 1986
	VIEW NW	NEGATIVE ON FILE L18
COMPILED BY	NAME Mark McDonough	DATE 1986
	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut	
	ADDRESS	



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Three-bay facade, central entry. Blind bay to left of entry. Blind second floor bay above entry. Double wooden doors with round arched lights over panels. Narrow plain entry pilasters, flat molded cap on jigsawn consoles with turned pendants, scroll-cut edges. Prominent plain corner boards (suggesting pilasters).

Wide plain frieze, low relief dentils and paired jigsawn brackets beneath molded cornice. Cornice shows partial return across gable ends.

Left elevation has rectangular bay window with denticular molded cornice. Large two story cross gabled rear wing; side entry with detailing similar to front.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built or extensively remodelled about 1865 by James and Nancy Cruff, both originally from Burrillville, Rhode Island. James Cruff (c. 1807-1883) was a mason. Nancy died in 1894 at the age of 78. They moved to Thompson in 1836.

Although the house owes its appearance to Victorian-era detailing, the Cruffs may well have rebuilt it from an earlier structure. The Cruff House is architecturally significant as a good example of a 19th century vernacular building. The asymmetrical form, ridge-parallel-to-street plan, and central entry show the lingering influence of 18th and early 19th century building methods.

The use of ornate, mass produced wooden detailing is typical of many late 19th century buildings; such detailing was made affordable by advances in the design of such wood forming machines as the bandsaw, lathe, and drill press.

SOURCES

1855 Atlas  
1867 Atlas  
Thompson Land Records 14:196 (1836)  
Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_