

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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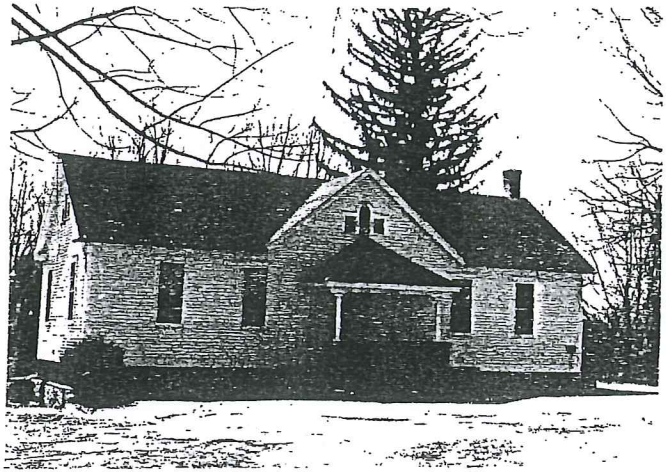
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)	
	MASONIC TEMPLE	THOMPSON HILL SCHOOL (Fourth District)
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
	THOMPSON	THOMPSON WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
	139 CHASE ROAD (64 CHASE RD.) 105/34-15	
DESCRIPTION	4. OWNER(S)	
	MASONIC TEMPLE CORP. OF THOMPSON, CT c/o Spahl, Charles Thompson, CT 06277 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
	Masonic Temple School	
	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	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Colonial Revival/Vernacular c. 1899	
	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) Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone Porch wall, foundation (part) <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: steps <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) (Material)		
<input checked="" 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) <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1 1/2 62' x 28'		
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Set back on large lot <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 type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
On Thompson Hill, at the eastern edge of a well preserved 19th century village center.		

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	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut	
	ADDRESS	



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)
 Five-bay facade, central entry. Entry portico has fieldstone railing, concrete steps; slender round posts have capitals with scrolls and quatrefoil cut-outs. Above portico, gabled wall dormer has Palladian style window with molded surround. Sash generally 6-over-6; windows have flat molded caps. Plain frieze; molded cornice shows partial return. Side elevations have similar detailing, including Palladian style attic windows plain side entry on right. Cross-gabled rear wing.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 This building was built in 1899 as the Fourth District School, part of a system of "one-room" district schools which served Thompson from the middle of the 18th century until primary education was consolidated in North Grosvenordale in 1960. This school was funded in part by donations from a number of Thompson Hill residents, including Randolph H. Chandler and Norman B. Ream. Mrs. Clara Armstrong was the early and longtime teacher; during the early years of its operation, the school was not divided into grades. Apparently the original arrangement of the building was not entirely satisfactory; a 1900 report notes that "there was so much dissatisfaction in regard to the outbuilding that one of the old privvies from the old school house was brought over and placed in position and a board partition built from the school house to between the privvies, thus keeping the boys and girls entirely separate. With the closing of the school in 1959, the property reverted to private hands; it is now a Masonic Temple.
 The Fourth District School is historically significant as a longtime community institution in Thompson Hill, and as a surviving artifact of Thompson's early educational system. Architecturally, it is significant as an example of the Colonial Revival style, just gaining

SOURCES
 Thompson Annual Reports 1900-1910
 Thompson Land Records 31:243 (1899)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None known	<input type="checkbox"/> Highways	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Developers	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____

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currency when the building was erected in 1899. The Colonial Revival style emphasized the use of freely adapted classical detailing, intended to recall the high styled architecture of the Georgian and Federal period. The primary decorative features present here are the Palladian styled windows.