

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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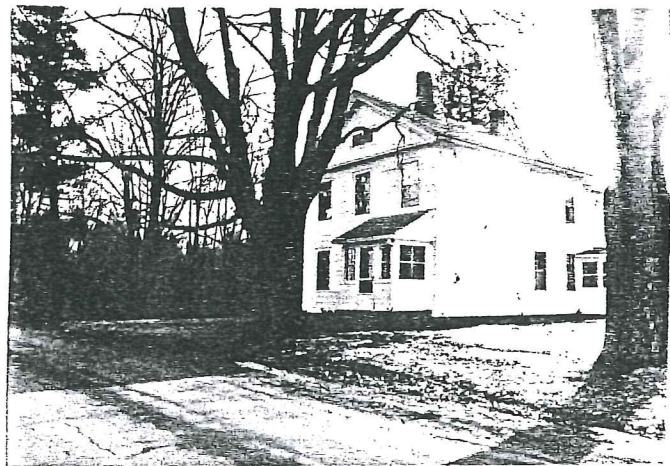
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>		SALLY THATCHER HOUSE		
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY		
	THOMPSON	THOMPSON	WINDHAM		
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		105/38-6		
	5 CHASE ROAD (4 CHASE RD.)				
	4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
	BURGESS, LEROY RUSSELL & GERTRUDE L., THOMPSON, CT 06277				
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION		
	Greek Revival		c. 1845		
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Granite & brownston foundation facing		
	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 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) _____	
(Material)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS			
2 1/2		23' X 31' (main part)			
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>					
<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	extensive	
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 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, in a well-preserved 19th-century village center.					

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	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Three-bay facade, right entry in later, one-bay framed-in shed-roofed porch. Modern 1-over-1 metal sash. Old paneled wood door with rectangular sidelights. Pedimented peak with rectangular attic louver; detail obscured by later siding. Lower parallel rear extension. One-and-one-half-story gabled right ell has some old 6-over-6 sash.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built by Mrs. Sally Mills Thatcher in 1845, shortly after the death of her husband, Masonville cotton mill superintendent Thomas Thatcher. Upon his death Thatcher left his widow an estate of \$24,000, a considerable sum at the time. The inventory included a 1/16th share in the Masonville Company and such uncommon luxuries as two tea sets (one pink, one yellow), a gilt-framed looking glass, and six large silver spoons. As mill superintendent, Thatcher no doubt lived in a company-owned dwelling, which presumably accounts for the fact that his estate did not include a house.

Architecturally, the Thatcher House is considerably altered, but still retains the characteristic pedimented peak and gable-to-street orientation of the Greek Revival style (intended to suggest the massing and construction of the Classical Greek temple).

Historically, it is significant for its association with the Thatchers and with the Masonville Company, the corporate parent of the Grosvenor-Dale Company. By Mrs. Thatcher's death in 1879, the latter had already transformed Thompson from a collection of tiny mill villages into a major cotton textile producer.

SOURCES

1867 Atlas  
Thompson Land Records 17:166 (1845); 24:459 (1879)  
Thompson Probate Records 2:193 (1845)  
Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

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