

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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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

105/38/811

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		105/38-8	
	4. OWNER(S)		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	5. USE (Present)		(Historic) Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
	10. ROOF (Type)			
DESCRIPTION	11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
	12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
	13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ? (Alterations)	
	14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
	15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
	16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

ROYAL S. WATSON HOUSE

THOMPSON THOMPSON WINDHAM

69 CHASE ROAD (32 CHASE RD.)

CONGREGATION OF THE MARION FATHERS, INC., THOMPSON, CT 06277

Residence Residence

Federal c. 1825

☒ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☒ Chimney ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone

☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone

☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ☒ Cut stone Granite steps

☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon

☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth

☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☒ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify)

(Material)

☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street

☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Ridge parallel to the street

2 1/2 42' x 38'

☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

☒ On original site ☐ Moved WHEN ? (Alterations) ☒ Yes ☐ No IF YES, EXPLAIN Mod-storm sash

☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☒ Garage ☒ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) on large wooded lot

☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site

☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density

On Thompson Hill in a well-preserved 19th century village center.

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
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	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)
	Five-bay facade, central entry, sash generally 2-over-2. First floor windows have flat molded caps with delicate dentils. One story entry porch on fluted square posts with pedimented peak over entry. Turned balusters, molded rail.
	Portico has molded architrave, plain frieze, dentils cut to plumb under rakes. Heavy paneled wood door, rectangular glazed transom.
	Second floor windows abut bed molding. Main cornice has delicate dentils, modillions. Central monitor like cupola, large twin brick chimneys. Left elevation has side entry with detailing and portico similar to front. Large right rear wing with simpler detailing.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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SIGNIFICANCE	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
	This house was built about 1825 by Royal S. Watson, a gentleman farmer and landowner born in Thompson. Watson died in 1860 of "nervous exhaustion caused by intemperance"; he was 64. Watson left an estate of \$13,500, relatively large for the time. In addition to this house, it included a Franklin stove, a Colt revolver, and 142 acres of land. Later owners included members of the Mason, Ream, and Bates families.
	Architecturally, the building is significant for its fine Federal detailing. The Federal or Adam style featured characteristically delicate classically inspired detail, seen here in the delicate dentils of the window caps and cornices. The monitor like cupola was a locally popular feature. The porticos and the large chimneys are probably later alterations.

SOURCES	1867 Atlas
	Thompson Probate Records 3:487 (1860) Thompson Vital Statistics

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 _____