

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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126/15/7/B

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>		ALPHEUS RUSSELL HOMESTEAD		
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY		
	THOMPSON		WINDHAM		
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		126/15-78		
	168 HILL ROAD <span style="float: right;">(196 Hill Rd.)</span>				
	4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
	SIEGEL, STEPHANIE G., RR2, THOMPSON, CT 06277				
	5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>		Residence		
	Residence		Residence		
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		IF YES, EXPLAIN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION			
Federal		c. 1795			
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limestone Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Limestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Granite					
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> Masonry <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 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			
2 1/2		38' x 30'			
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</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	Some later sash	
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) DETERIORATED BARN TO THE EAST <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 type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No scattered buildings visible from site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density					
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS					
In a rural part of southeastern Thompson.					

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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. Sash generally 2-over-2; splayed window lintels on first floor, second floor windows fitted into bed molding. Entry sized window in second bay. Window bays are paired and offset towards corners of house.

Entry has heavy paneled door, molded transom bar, rectangular glazed transom, flat molded cap with delicate flared consoles. Beaded corner boards. Frieze has delicate dentils, then consoles similar to entry cap. Molded cornice shows partial return. Central brick chimney. Small parallel left wing is somewhat altered. Two story right rear wing is old if not original.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built by Alpheus Russell (c. 1766-1839) about 1795, the date of his marriage to Susan Angel (aka Angell). Russell was a relatively well off farmer; upon his death his estate was valued at just over \$8,000, a comfortable sum for the time. It included such items as three rocking chairs (a staple in all but the barest 19th century homes), an assortment of tinware, and an ox wagon.

The Russell house is architecturally and historically significant, despite considerable later fabric, as one of Thompson's best examples of the Federal or Adam style. The Federal style featured the use of characteristically delicate elements adapted from classical precedents (typical features seen here include the dentils, splayed lintels, and flared consoles). The paired and offset window bays, the beaded corner boards, the high placement of the second floor windows, and the central brick chimney are all typical of 18th century dwellings. This relatively high styled building reflects Russell's prosperity.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 2:200 (1795)  
 Thompson Probate Records 1:396 (1839)  
 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 _____