

**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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167/59/15/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

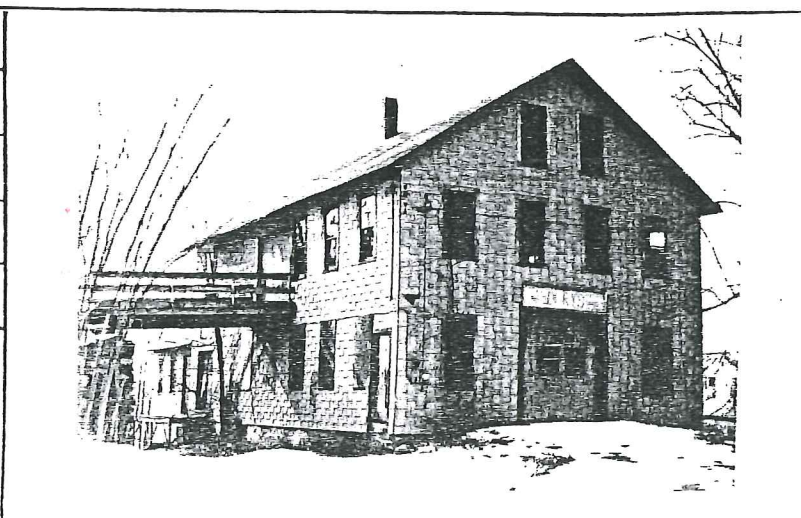
1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
THOMPSON		ELLIOTT WAGON FACTORY	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	NORTH GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
BUCKLEY HILL ROAD & ELLIOT AVENUE (417 BUCKLEY Hill Rd.) 167/59-15A			
4. OWNER(S)			
BRODEUR ROBERT M. & WALLACE, H., P.O. BOX 834, N. Gros., CT 06255 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)			
Vacant/Garage Space (Historic)			
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		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. 1875	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input 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 checked="" 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		30' x 50'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
		(Exterior)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN?	(Alterations)
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN			
Later siding			
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)
			fieldstone retaining walls
<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 a short residential cul-de-sac of 19th century dwellings.			

(OVER)

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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)

Three-bay facade (four on second floor) central garage entry. Many windows boarded, most surviving sash is old 6-over-6. Left elevation has steel bridge leading from earth-and-fieldstone embankment to second floor garage bay.

To rear, wooden loading dock has doors with round-arched glazing (c. 1920's), then lower parallel extension. Right elevation plain.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Elliott Wagon Factory was built about 1875 by Arad and George Elliott. The business prospered for many years, performing ordinary job work and fabricating custom wagons as well. During the early years of the automotive era, it was converted to an auto body shop and garage managed by the Dery family, although the Elliott Wagon Company continued to own the property until after the Second World War. In recent years, it has been used only for storage.

Historically, the Elliott Wagon Factory is significant as a locally prominent 19th century manufacturing plant. Small manufacturing plants were a common feature of 19th century life in small town Connecticut. This is the only such plant now extant in Thompson (other small scale mid-century manufacturers in Thompson included the Case and Botham shoe factories, the Baldwin Carriage Shop, Parley Jordon's edged tool establishment, and the Warner twine mill).

Architecturally, the Wagon Factory is significant as a good example of utilitarian wood frame factory construction. Unlike the towered bulk of the North Grosvenordale cotton mill just to the west, the factory is domestic in scale and design, suggesting an integration between work life and social life which was actively resisted by later industrial builders.

SOURCES

1867 Atlas  
 Bayles, History of Windham County, p. 692  
 Interviews with local residents  
 Thompson Land Records 58:543 (1949)

SIGNIFICANCE

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____