

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

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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)		ANDREW WILBUR TENEMENT		
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON		VILLAGE NORTH GROSVENORDALE	COUNTY WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 1170 ROUTE 12 (901 RIVERSIDE DR.)		167/59-5		
	4. OWNER(S) WILBUR, MARVIN J. & SHIRLEY A., N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
	5. USE (Present) Residential		(Historic) Mill Housing		
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Mill Housing		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1897		
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimneys <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <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 type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____				
	DESCRIPTION	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) N/A					
<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 type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street					
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 56' x 30'			
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) (Alterations)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> IF YES, EXPLAIN					
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES					
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Set back from road on long drive <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density					
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS					
On a knoll overlooking the 1872 North Grosvenordale mill.					

(OVER)

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	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Six bays, entry in fourth. Sash generally 2-over-2. Two story full width porch has turned posts, jigsaw brackets, plain frieze. No railing on first, square balusters, molded rail on second. Large central gabled wall dormer with diagonal clapboard panels in peak. Plain corner boards and frieze. Molded cornice shows partial return.

Twin brick chimneys. Rear elevation (upslope) is one-and-one-half-story, with frieze band windows, central entry in glassed-in portico.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This mill tenement was built in 1897 by Andrew E. and Emilene J. Wilbur on land purchased from innkeeper and landowner James Buckley. Although built as private rental housing, it closely resembles the nearby company owned housing built by the Grosvenor Dale Company, which built the large cotton mill just to the west in 1872.

The building is architecturally and historically significant as the largest and best preserved example of independently owned mill housing in North Grosvenordale.

Although the overall design is simple, the ornate wooden detailing of the porch and the diagonal clapboard panels in the wall dormer show the influence of Victorian Vernacular architecture. Victorian Vernacular buildings are marked by the extensive use of wooden ornamentation, made inexpensive by 19th century advances in mechanized wood forming tools such as the lathe and bandsaw.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 31:123 (1897)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____