

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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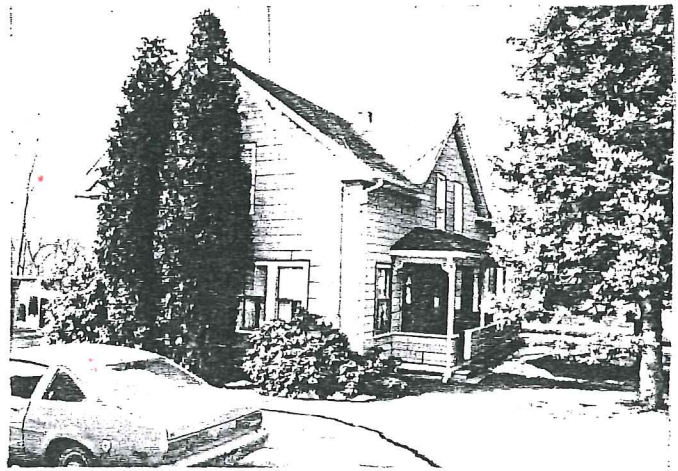
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) _____ (Historic)	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE NORTH GROSVENORDALE
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 73 BUCKLEY HILL ROAD (35 Buckley Hill Rd.)	
	4. OWNER(S) LAROCHE, JOSEPH A. & FLORENCE, BUCKLEY HILL RD., N. GROS., CT <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) _____ (Historic) Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Mill Housing	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1890	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Chimneys <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____	
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) <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 1 1/2	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 44' x 28'
	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) <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 Siding later
	14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" 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 In a 19th century neighborhood overlooking the 1872 North Grosvenordale mill.		

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	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, CT		
	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

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

Six-bay facade, entries in second and fifth. Doors have single large pane over rectangular panels with deeply molded edges. Sash generally 2-over-2. One story porch, nearly full width. Sided railing, square chamfered posts, quarter-circle post brackets with radial cut-outs.

Sawtooth valence, plain frieze. Central gabled wall dormer with paired windows. Molded cornice shows partial return.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1890 as a rental duplex by James Buckley. Buckley, born in 1829 in England, emigrated to the U.S. in 1848 and came to Thompson in 1850. He found employment as a skilled worker in the local cotton mills. Buckley accumulated a good deal of property, and in 1872, the year the huge Grosvenor Dale Company cotton mill went into operation, he opened a livery stable and hotel in North Grosvenordale. In 1908, Buckley sold this building and a nearly identical structure at 81 Buckley Hill Road to the Reilly family.

This building is historically significant for its connection with Buckley, a prominent local citizen, and with the boom created by the opening of the 1872 mill.

Architecturally, it is significant as a good example of plain 19th century worker housing. The porch, with its ornate brackets and valence, is typical of Victorian Vernacular construction. Victorian Vernacular architecture is masked by the extensive use of such wooden ornamentation, made affordable by 19th century advances in wood forming technology.

SOURCES

Bayles, History of Windham County, p. 1115

Thompson Land Records 34:96 (1908)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanaton \_\_\_\_\_