

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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167/60/5//

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)	
		NORTH GROSVENORDALE MILL HOUSING - TYPE F	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	NORTH GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
1020 ROUTE 12 (977 RIVERSIDE DR.) 167/60-5			
4. OWNER(S)			
ISSERMAN, MANFRED A. & ELLEN S., THOMPSON, CT 06277 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

DESCRIPTION

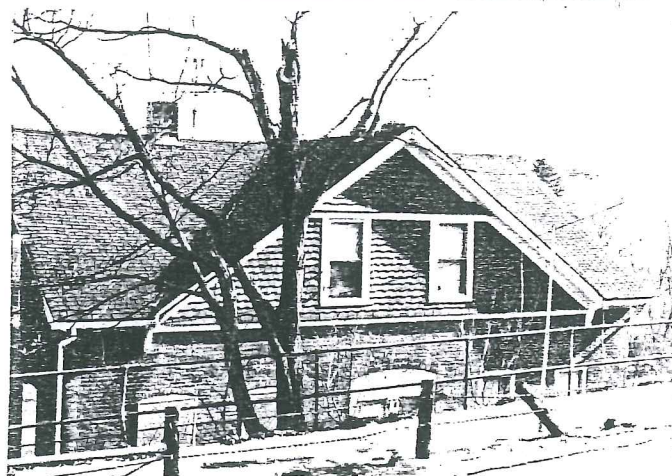
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Mill Housing		c. 1885	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walls	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick Chimneys	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone Foundation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input checked="" 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"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
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<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
(Material)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1 1/2		40' x 30'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
		See #17	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			

In a cluster of very similar mill houses just north of the North Grosvenordale mill.

(OVER)

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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)	
	<p>Five-bay facade with paired central entries. Brick walls are laid up in common bond with occasional header courses. Sash generally 1-over-1. All principal openings segmental arched. Doors have single large lights over panels, glazed transom. Full height cross-gabled wall dormer with staggered-butts wood shingles projects slightly on small jigsawn consoles.</p> <p>Main gable ends have plain face rafters with applied wooden scrolls at rake ends. Twin brick chimneys. Side entry on right. Minor variations in this housing type include left and right rather than central paired entries and the use of flat arched window openings with soldier-course lintels.</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	<p>19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE</p> <p>These small brick duplexes were built about 1885 by the Grosvenor Dale Company, which was then still actively expanding the huge adjacent cotton mill complex it built in 1872. Once clustered around the original Fisherville Mill, a modest stone building purchased by the Grosvenordale interests in 1864, these buildings now surround the North Grosvenordale Mill's weave shed, built in the late 1890s. They were built to house low level supervisory personnel, and were owned by the mill until 1938, when the company auctioned off the bulk of its housing (most were purchased by speculators).</p> <p>Architecturally, these houses are significant as well preserved 19th century mill dwellings; the staggered-butts shingles found in the gabled wall dormers are found on a wide variety of Victorian houses.</p> <p>Historically, they are significant for their connection to the Grosvenor Dale Company, the dominant force in social, economic, and political life in Thompson from the 1860s until the selling of the mills in 1942, and also as part of a large and well preserved mill village complex. The closely spaced dwellings of ordinary mill hands, the mill itself, and the more desirable supervisor's houses are all grouped in close proximity. The 19th century</p>	
SOURCES	<p>Bagnal, <u>Contributions to American Economic History</u></p> <p>Margolick, <u>Patterns of Change in New England Textile Towns</u></p>	

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 _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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#19 NORTH GROSVENORDALE MILL HOUSING - TYPE F

mill village ideal, similar to the "company town" made infamous by Appalachian mine operators, stressed the creation of a single compact environment combining work, recreation, religion, retail facilities, and housing -- all under the watchful eye of the Company Agent and the shadow of the mill tower (the Company Agent's house, once located at the adjacent corner of Buckley Hill Road and Route 12, was destroyed by fire in the 1970s).