

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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Town No.:	Site No.:
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DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR. SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> NORTH GROSVENORDALE MILL HOUSING - TYPE G	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE NORTH GROSVENORDALE
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 1003 ROUTE 12 (986 RIVERSIDE DR.)	
	4. OWNER(S) SKOTCHLESS, PHILIP E., BOX 643, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255	
	5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Victorian Vernacular	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
	10. ROOF (Type)	
	11. NUMBER OF STORIES	
	12. CONDITION (Structural)	
	13. INTEGRITY (Location)	
	14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
	15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
	16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	

(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, right entry. Wood door has single large light over panels. Beveled corner at first floor right, full width one story porch wraps around right corner to form small pavillion.

Porch detail: turned posts, jigsawn brackets with turned pendants and circular bosses, turned balusters, molded rail. Sash generally 2-over-1. Molded cornice shows partial return. All gable peaks flared out slightly at top.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house and three other more altered examples on the same plan were built in the 1890s by the Grosvenor Dale Company, which owned the extensive cotton textile mills in Grosvenordale and North Grosvenordale. Like the adjacent and slightly earlier brick duplex cottages, these dwellings almost certainly served to house supervisory personnel working at the 1872 North Grosvenordale Mill. Both their domestic appearance and their location on the hill to the west of the mill emphasize their social distance from the barracks-like housing built for ordinary mill hands.

The residence of the Company Agent, certainly the most influential man in Thompson throughout much of the late 19th and early 20th century, was located just to the north (it was destroyed by fire in the 1970s). The Grosvenor Dale Company retained ownership of these buildings when it sold the bulk of its mill housing in 1938. They were purchased by Cluett, Peabody, which bought the mills from the Grosvenor Dale Company, in 1942, and finally sold to private speculators in 1954 when Cluett, Peabody shut down its operation.

Architecturally, these buildings are significant as examples of the Victorian Vernacular style. The ornate porch decoration preserved on this example is typical of the mass produced

Thompson Land Records 66:192 (1956)

SOURCES

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

Renewal     Private     Deterloration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_

