

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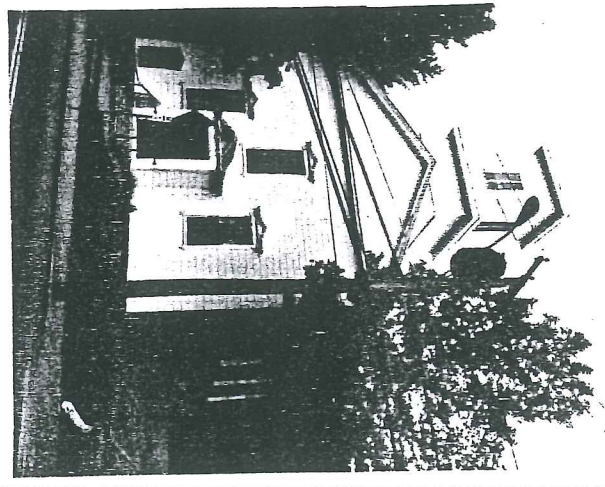
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
	NORTH GROSVENORDALE METHODIST CHURCH		FISHERVILLE METHODIST CHURCH	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	THOMPSON	N. GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		107/88-25	
	ROUTE 12 (946 RIVERSIDE DR.)			
	4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	THE METHODIST CHURCH, INC., N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255			
	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	Church		Church	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		During services	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Greek Revival		c. 1842	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input 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 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"/> 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		42' x 60'		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		(Alterations)		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		IF YES, EXPLAIN		
		Sided facade & steeple		
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				
Across Main Street from North Grosvenordale mill in extensive 19th century mill village.				

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	VIEW SW	NEGATIVE ON FILE M3	
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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)

Facade clad in asbestos siding, steeple in aluminum. Side walls are common bond brick with occasional stretcher courses. Three-bay facade, central entry in small gabled vestibule with cornice on small jigsaw brackets. 15-over-15 sash left, right, and above entry. Windows have peaked, molded caps on small jigsaw consoles, small sill consoles. Sided cornice, pedimented peak.

Two stage rectangular steeple with flat roof, paired louvers. Side elevations have 10-over-10 basement sash with heavy stone sills and lintels, 15-over-15 main sash with same sills and lintels.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Fisherville Methodist Episcopal was built in 1842, in what was then a small and rather diverse village dominated by the cotton mills owned by William Fisher, but containing a variety of farms and other enterprises.

Fisher became entangled in the Civil War and ultimately sold his holdings to William Grosvenor and Lucius Briggs who, as the Grosvenor Dale Company, renamed the village Grosvenor Dale in 1868, and transformed it into a large settlement made up largely of uniform row housing and dedicated almost exclusively to cotton textile manufacturing (the huge 1872 Grosvenor Dale Company mill is located just across the street from the church). The location of the Methodist Church in the industrial French River Valley is typical of a 19th century trend in Thompson religious life. With the end of the last traces of theocracy after the adoption of Connecticut's 1815 state constitution, the Congregationalists became the church of Yankee Thompson Hill, while Baptists, Methodists, and ultimately Catholics made inroads among the populations of the industrial valleys and in outlying rural areas. The Fisherville Methodist Church is historically significant as a longtime community institution.

SOURCES

Bayles, History of Windham County, p. 681.

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 type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanaton _____

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			POTENTIAL

CONTINUATION SHEET

#19 FISHERVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Item number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Architecturally, it is significant as a considerably altered example of Greek Revival architecture. The pedimented peak, gable-end-to-street orientation and heavy stone sills and lintels were all intended to suggest the massing and trabeated construction of a classical Greek temple.