

**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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167/88/28/A

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

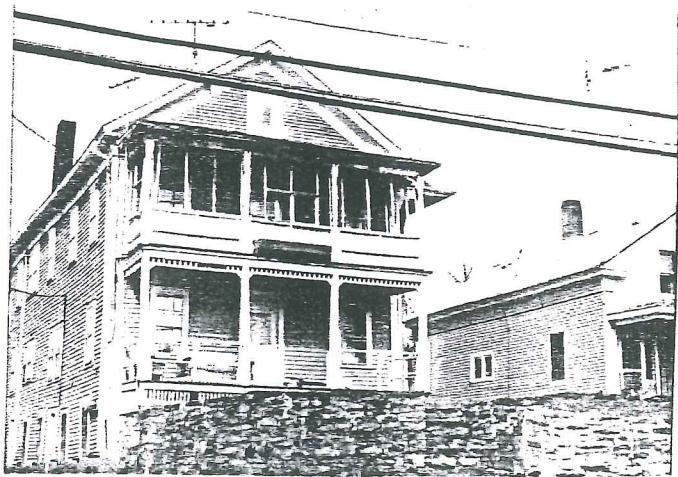
IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
NORTH GROSVENORDALE MILL HOUSING			
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	NORTH GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
1091 ROUTE 12 (938 RIVERSIDE DR.)		167/88-28A	
4. OWNER(S)			
MURRAY, EDWARD P. & CAROL A., 2 RAY STREET, WEBSTER, MA 01570 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)			
Residence		(Historic) 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		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING			DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Greek Revival influenced			c. 1860
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<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:	
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 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		25' X 70'	
12. CONDITION (structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN	(Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No later porch fabric, rear firestairs
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
			on knoll, fieldstone retaining wall
<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"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
In an extensive complex of 19th-century mill housing; overlooks North Grosvenordale mill.			

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
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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, central entry. Wood door has single large light over panels. Sash generally 6-over-6. Two-story full-width porch: turned posts, jigsaw brackets, modern two-by-four railings. First floor has stick work frieze.

Two-story corner pilasters have round-arched panels. Molded cornice on jigsaw brackets (paired on side elevation) shows partial return. Side elevations relatively plain.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This large Greek Revival tenement house was built about 1860, when North Grosvenordale was a small mill village known as "Fisherville". When owner William Fisher withdrew in the 1860's, the mill site and virtually the entire north end of the village were purchased by William Grosvenor's Grosvenor-Dale Company, which built the large cotton mill located across Route 12 in 1872. Included in the purchase were several older dwelling houses such as this, which the company immediately supplemented with the rows of uniform mill housing which still dominate the village. The Company sold this house along with the bulk of its company-owned housing in 1938; four years later it sold its operations in Thompson.

Historically, the building is significant for its association with the Fisher mills and with the Grosvenor-Dale Company, for almost 80 years the dominant economic and social institution in Thompson.

Architecturally, it is significant as a good late example of the Greek Revival style, one of the most popular domestic building types of the 19th-century. The gable-to-street orientation and two-story corner pilasters are intended to suggest the construction

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 47:523 (1838)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____

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			POTENTIAL

CONTINUATION SHEET NORTH GROSVENORDALE MILL HOUSING
 Item number: _____ Date: _____

- 19) of a Classical Greek temple; the cornice brackets illustrate the Victorian penchant for ornate wood decoration, made affordable by 19th-century advances in wood-forming technology.