

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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169/88/64/1

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)		HORACE WALKER FARM	
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
	THOMPSON		NORTH GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		169/88-64	
	81 MAIN STREET (78 MAIN ST.)			
	4. OWNER(S)		N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255	
	FAUCHER, LOUIS P. JR., & RAYMOND P. SR.		<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)		Residence	
	Residence		Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
			<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	
	Vernacular/Greek Revival		c. 1845	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: granite ashlar foundation			
	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		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1 1/2		34' X 24' (main part)		
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)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Siding, altered sash	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
In an extensive 19th-century mill village, just south of the 1896 Emanuel Lutheran Church.				

(OVER)

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	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Five-bay main wing with central entry. Hip-roofed entry portico with square balusters, turned posts, jigsaw brackets. Door has single large light over panels; paneled entry surround with paneled corner blocks. Two large gabled wall dormers. Sash generally left wing has entry with small shed-roofed portico on turned posts. To rear, cross-gabled shed/barn extensions.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Horace Walker (died c. 1895) was the longtime occupant and probable builder of this simple farmhouse. The land upon which it was built originally belonged to the Fisher family. William Fisher, who first developed the cotton textile industry in North Grosvenordale beginning in the late 1820's (it was known as Fisherville between 1830 and 1868) desired a mill village combining industry and agriculture. His policy of encouraging farmers to locate in Fisherville may well be responsible for the presence of this house..

Architecturally, the Walker House is significant as a good, if somewhat altered example of a 19th-century vernacular dwelling with classically-inspired Greek Revival detailing (seen in the paneled entry surround). The dormers and porticoes are later alterations. The attached agricultural buildings are a relatively common feature in 19th-century farm houses.

SOURCES

1855 Atlas
 Bayles, History of Windham County
 Thompson Land Records 17:332 (1847)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____

Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation _____