

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

127

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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169/88/70//

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)	
2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE NORTH GROSVENORDALE
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 141 MAIN STREET (48 MAIN ST.) 169/88-70	
4. OWNER(S) BLACKMER, MARK D., RFD #1, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) _____ (Historic) Residence _____ Residence _____	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN _____	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Vernacular		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1880
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney Brick Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input checked="" 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"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip
(Material)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile
<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 1 1/2	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 24' X 30'	
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 type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location) _____ WHEN? _____ (Alterations) _____ IF YES, EXPLAIN _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) fieldstone wall with raised bead mortar		
<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"/> High building density
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS In an extensive 19th-century mill village.		

(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; paneled wood door has a single large light. Entry is flanked by one-story flat-roofed bay windows. Plain frieze and molded cornice extend across entry bay to form small shelter on "wrought-iron" steel posts. Paired attic windows, molded cornice with partial return. Sash predominately 2-over-2 with modern storm sash. Small right ell.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This building was one of many built on this stretch of Main Street in the prosperous years which followed the erection of the nearby Grosvenor-Dale Company cotton mill in 1872. Unlike most surrounding land, which was owned by the company, Main Street remained a private enclave, with a variety of stores, tenement houses, and social institutions. This building was probably built about 1880 by Mary Collins and Mary A.J. West on land purchased from merchant Frank Coman. During the next few decades, it changed hands many times, mainly within the Collins and West families.

Historically, the building is significant as an artifact of North Grosvenordale's development as a prosperous mill village.

Architecturally, it is plain and somewhat altered. The gable-and-ell form is typical of small Connecticut houses of the mid 19th-century; the bay windows are more clearly Victorian.

Thompson Land Records 26:143 (1880)

SOURCES

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_