

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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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)		JESSE TUCKER HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
	THOMPSON		NORTH GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
	159 MAIN STREET (40 MAIN ST.)			
	4. OWNER(S)			
	LANGELIER, JEANETTE, BOX 312, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	Residence		Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN			
DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Vernacular		c. 1875	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street	
<input 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		
2 1/2		36' X 26'		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
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13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No See #17	
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)	
on knoll, fieldstone wall w/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"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
One of many 19th-century buildings in this well-preserved mill village.				

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	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Five-bay, central entry. Sash generally 2-over-2. Two-story flat-roofed porch has steel "wroughtiron" supports and no railing on first floor. Second floor has slat railing, molded rail, tapered square chamfered columns after Tuscan. Blind gabled dormer on porch has decorative panel resembling werge board with applied wooden decorations in arrow and scroll motifs.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This structure was built about 1875 by Jesse Tucker. Tucker (1831-1892) was born in Gloucester, Rhode Island and listed his profession as "carpenter" (the modern equivalent would be "builder"). He bought this property as raw land in 1870, the same year the Grosvenor-Dale Company began work on the 1872 Grosvenor-Dale Mill. At the time, this area of Main Street was the only important area in North Grosvenordale not owned by the company; it grew into a vibrant social and commercial center serving workers at the nearby Grosvenordale and North Grosvenordale cotton mills. Tucker was a man of modest means; he probably lived in one part of this building and rented out the remainder.

Historically, the Tucker House is significant as an artifact of North Grosvenordale's early years of prosperity as a mill town.

Architecturally, the building is rather plain and much-altered (the porch is an early 20th-century alterations with later modifications). The decorative panel on the central dormer is a typical late 19th century feature. Many buildings of the time display decorative woodwork made affordable by mid-century improvements in wood-forming technology.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 23:410 (1870)
 Thompson Probate Records 8:240 (1872)
 Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input checked="" 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"/> Explanation _____