

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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169/88/72//

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) <b>BELLEROSE STORE</b>	
	2. TOWN CITY <b>THOMPSON</b>	VILLAGE <b>NORTH GROSVENORDALE</b>
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) <b>169 MAIN STREET</b> <b>34 MAIN ST.</b> <b>169/88-72</b>	
	4. OWNER(S) <b>AUCOIN, RAYMOND L. &amp; IDA M., RRI, DANIELSON, CT 06239</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) <b>Residence</b> (Historic) <b>Residence/Store</b>	
	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 _____	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING <b>Vernacular</b> DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <b>c. 1872</b>	
	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"/> 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: _____	
	DESCRIPTION	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 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 <b>2 1/2</b> APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS <b>18' X 42'</b>		
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location) (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    WHEN? _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>new siding</b>		
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 type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
<b>In a well-preserved 19th-century mill village.</b>		

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	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Two-bay facade. Raised basement has boarded-up and deteriorated storefront with central entry, glazed transom. Sash generally 2-over-2. Molded cornice shows partial return. Left elevation and left-rear wing have second-floor porch on lattice posts with decorative wood inserts (include diamond, spade, and orb motifs), square balusters and rail, jigsawed post brackets. Above, two jerkinhead roof dormers with paired 2-over-2 sash.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This plain and somewhat deteriorated building originally housed a store operated by Frederick and Julien Bellerose. It was built in 1872, the same year the Grosvenor-Dale Company's huge cotton mill was completed a few blocks to the north. The Bellerose family also owned several other properties in the Main Street area, which was then prospering as a privately-owned commercial and social center for those living in the company-controlled housing surrounding the mill. The store continued to operate well into the 20th century.

Historically, the building is significant as part of a large assemblage of 19th-century structures in the Main Street area.

Architecturally, it is much altered, but retains some of the exuberant wooden ornamentation which is a hallmark of much Victorian architecture.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 23:532 (1872)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____