

**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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169/91/2411

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR, SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) HOSPITAL BLOCK		(Historic) HOSPITAL BLOCK	
2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON		VILLAGE NORTH GROSVENORDALE	COUNTY WINDHAM
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 170 MAIN STREET DEMOLISHED - 1988 <u>MAIN ST</u> 169/91-24			
4. OWNER(S) TOWN OF THOMPSON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present) Vacant (Historic)			
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 Second Empire		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1875	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <u>Conc. foundation</u>	<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 type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 60' X 32'	
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)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN?	(Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN
interior gutted, boarded up			
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"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
In a well-preserved 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)

First floor has eight bays, entries in second, fourth, and seventh. Second floor has seven bays. Doors and windows have plain pointed-arched surrounds with simple board caps. Plain frieze, overhanging eaves on jigsaw brackets, molded cornice. Five simple gabled roof dormers, spaced asymmetrically.

Side elevations feature similar detailing, raised basement story. Wooden fire stairs to rear.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This building, known as the Hospital Block, was built about 1875, and was operated for many years by the Grosvenor-Dale Company as an infirmary. It was later converted to housing. The company, which operated huge cotton mills in Grosvenordale (completed 1864) and North Grosvenordale (1872), was the dominant economic force in Thompson from the time of the Civil War until it sold its milling operations in 1942. In 1938, the company auctioned off this building along with most of its remaining company-owned housing. After many years of deterioration, it was purchased by the Town of Thompson; some current plans call for its demolition.

Architecturally, the Hospital Block is significant as an example of the Second Empire style, distinguished by its characteristic dormered mansard roof.

Margolic, Patterns of Change in New England Textile Towns, p. 231

Thompson Land Records 47:515 (1938)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known   
 Highways   
 Vandalism   
 Developers   
 Other Demolition

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