

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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169/91/29/1

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.:

Site No.:

UTM

QUAD:

DISTRICT

☐ S ☐ NR

IF NR, SPECIFY

☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)

(Historic)

ST. JOSEPH CONVENT

2. TOWN CITY

VILLAGE

COUNTY

THOMPSON

NORTH GROSVENORDALE

WINDHAM

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)

214 MAIN STREET

(17 MAIN ST.)

169/91-29

4. OWNER(S)

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SOCIETY, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255

☐ Public

☒ Private

5. USE (Present)

(Historic)

Convent

6. ACCESSIBILITY
TO PUBLIC:

EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD

INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE

IF YES, EXPLAIN

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Yes

☒ No

7. STYLE OF BUILDING

Vernacular

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

c. 1875

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

☐ Clapboard

☐ Asbestos Siding

☒ Brick

☐ Other
(Specify)

☐ Wood Shingle

☐ Asphalt Siding

☐ Fieldstone

☐ Board & Batten

☐ Stucco

☐ Cobblestone

☐ Aluminum
Siding

☐ Concrete
Type:

☐ Cut stone
Type:

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

☐ Wood frame

☐ Post and beam

☐ balloon

☒ Load bearing masonry

☐ Structural iron or steel

☐ Other (Specify)

10. ROOF (Type)

☐ Gable

☐ Flat

☐ Mansard

☐ Monitor

☐ sawtooth

☒ Gambrel

☐ Shed

☐ Hip

☐ Round

☐ Other
(Specify)

(Material)

☐ Wood Shingle

☐ Roll
Asphalt

☐ Tin

☐ Slate

☐ Gable end to the street

☒ Asphalt shingle

☐ Built up

☐ Tile

☐ Other
(Specify)

☒ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES

1 1/2

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS

55' x 24'

12. CONDITION (Structural)

(Exterior)

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location)

WHEN ?

(Alterations)

IF YES, EXPLAIN

☒ On original
site

☐ Moved

☒ Yes ☐ No

New porch

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

☐ Barn

☐ Shed

☒ Garage

☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)

☐ Carriage
house

☐ Shop

☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

☐ Open land

☐ Wood-
land

☒ Residential

☐ Scattered buildings visible from site

☐ Commercial

☐ Indus-
trial

☐ Rural

☒ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

In a well preserved 19th century mill village.

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	VIEW NW	NEGATIVE ON FILE A16	
COMPILED BY	NAME Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)	
	<p>Eight bays, entries in third and sixth. Sash generally 2-over-2; small 2-over-2 frieze band windows. Later six bay porch on square posts. Molded cornice shows partial return. Brick walls laid up in common bond with Flemish variation.</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE	
SOURCES	<p>This simple dwelling, originally a three family tenement, has served since 1977 as a convent for St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and school. Extremely complex land transactions with vague boundary descriptions make its earlier history difficult to trace.</p> <p>Like many other houses along Main Street, it was probably private rental housing constructed during the early years of the huge 1872 Grosvenor Dale Company cotton mill (located just to the north).</p> <p>Historically, it is significant as part of a large assemblage of older dwellings along Main Street, most of them associated with the boom years of the Grosvenor Dale Company, which dominated Thompson from the 1860s until it sold its operations in 1942.</p> <p>Architecturally, it is plain, but significant as an example of utilitarian mid 19th century housing.</p>	
	Thompson's Assessor's Records	

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 _____