

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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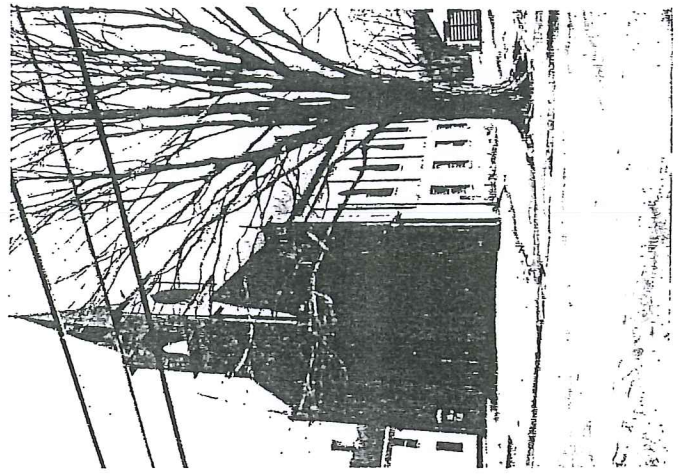
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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) EMANUEL CHURCH		(Historic) EMANUEL CHURCH	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON		VILLAGE NORTH GROSVENORDALE	COUNTY WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 72 MAIN STREET (83 MAIN ST.) 169/91-7			
	4. OWNER(S) EMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
	5. USE (Present) Church		(Historic) Church	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING Gothic Revival		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1896		
DESCRIPTION	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
	<input checked="" 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 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 38' x 70'		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ?	(Alterations)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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) Rectory to the north	
<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 an extensive 19th-Century mill village.

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	ADDRESS	



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Square central tower in pointed-arched entry. Cornerstyle on right: "Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Erected 1896". Brick pilasters topped with brownstone caps on tower, copper spires on main corners. Double heavy-paneled wood doors, paneled soffit, glazed transom. Above, large pointed-arched stained glass window with three-part border-pane glazing. The third-story has circular border-pane stained-glass window. Brownstone cornice supported by brick corbel courses. Belfry has pointed-arched openings, molded wood cornice on corbel courses, octagonal spire topped by wooden cross.

Windows in raised basement story have brownstone sills and lintels; primary windows on all principal elevations are pointed-arched border-pane stained-glass.

On side elevations, these are set in corbelled-in rectangular panels; on facade set in large pointed-arched panels with corbelled surrounds.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

In 1831 C. August Pearson, a Swede from Rhode Island, became head of the carding department in the 1872 Grosvenor-Dale Company cotton mill. Impressed with Pearson's diligence, the company recruited Swedes from the immediate area and in 1882 brought two trainloads of millworkers from Sweden, then in the midst of an economic depression. The immigrants held their first Lutheran services in Pearson's home, then in the Methodist Church (1077 Route 12) and the Coman Block (190 Main Street). Finally, in 1883, they built their own church (the site is just north of the current Town Hall), which was quickly outgrown. In 1896 the present structure was completed with the help of the Grosvenor-Dale Company, ever-grateful for the orderly lifestyle promoted by immigrant churches. Aside from the steeple (replaced after the hurricane of 1938, the building is virtually unchanged.

Historically, the Emanuel Church is significant as a prominent local religious institution, and for its connection with North Grosvenordale's once large Swedish immigrant population. It is architecturally significant as an excellent example of the Gothic Revival style, which dominated American ecclesiastical architecture in the last years of the 19th-century.

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

Emanuel Lutheran Church, North Grosvenordale, CT 1882-1982

Margolick, Patterns of Change in New England Textile Towns, p. 190-1

SOURCES

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____

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59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

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TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
UTM: 18	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL
			POTENTIAL

CONTINUATION SHEET EMANUEL CHURCH
Item number: _____ Date: _____

19) Originally popular as a picturesque style in mid-century, the Gothic Revival's later popularity with church architects was no doubt based on its associations with the medieval cathedrals of Europe. The pointed-arched form, seen here in windows, entry, and belfry openings, is a hallmark of the style; the circular stained-glass window strengthens the building's medieval appearance.

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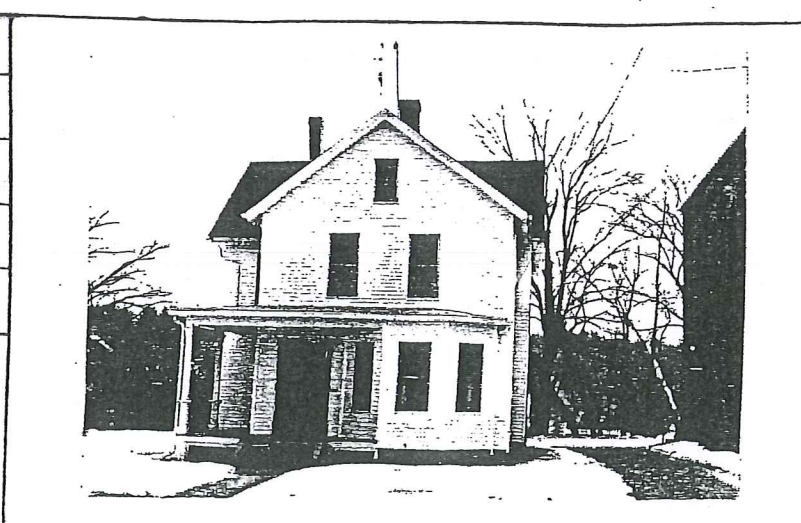
IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
EMANUEL LUTHERAN RECTORY		EMANUEL LUTHERAN RECTORY	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	NORTH GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
MAIN STREET (no street number) (85 MAIN ST.)			169/91 -7
4. OWNER(S)			
EMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)			
Residence (Historic) Church Rectory			
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
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	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Victorian Vernacular		1896	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Stone
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Limestone
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	<input type="checkbox"/> Marble
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> Masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monopitch
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2 1/2		22' x 40'	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN?	(Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	siding	
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)
Just north of Emanuel Lutheran Church			
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
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Two-bay facade, left entry has double doors with etched glass lights (leaf motif) over carved panels in a brick-masonry design; lights flanked by fluted pilasters, denticular molding above. Most other detail sided.

One-story bay window to right. One-story flat roofed porch on square Italianate posts shelters entry, wraps around left corner to meet shallow lower ell. Additional entry to rear of wing has similar portico.

Right elevation has plain lower ell.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built in 1896 as the rectory of the adjacent Emanuel Lutheran Church, which served North Grosvenordale's large Swedish immigrant population.

Historically, it is significant for its association with the church, a prominent local religious and cultural institution (see separate form, 72 Main Street).

Architecturally, the rectory is much altered. The gable-and-ell form is typical of most Victorian housing. The extravagant decoration which likely once adorned it survives only in the ornate doors, an unusual and costly design which illustrates the prosperity of the Swedish community and the esteem it which it held the Lutheran Church.

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