

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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169/91/8/1

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)		JOHN G. GRONLAND HOUSE		
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY		
	THOMPSON	NORTH GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM		
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		189/91-8		
	78 MAIN STREET (79 MAIN ST.)				
	4. OWNER(S)		NADEAU, ROBERT P., BOX 455, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255		
	5. USE (Present)		Residence (Historic) Residence		
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
	DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Victorian Vernacular		c. 1896			
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard		<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney Brick Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
<input checked="" 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 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		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS			
2 1/2		26' X 42'			
12. CONCITION (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)	IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	picture windows; side eleus	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES					
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" 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					

Just south of the 1896 Emanuel Church, in an extensive 19th-century mill village.

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	VIEW E	NEGATIVE ON FILE C8	
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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)

Three-bay facade, paired central entries, two-story bay window to left. Wooden doors, one large pane over deeply molded panels. Sash is generally 2-over-2. Two-story flat-roofed porch has turned posts and balusters, molded rail, small jigsawed post brackets.

Second floor has flared apron with staggered-butt and fishscale shingles. Fishscale shingles in peak; molded cornice, full return.

Right elevation: large wall dormer has staggered-butt shingles. Left elevation: similar dormer, three modern picture windows.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1896 by John Gronland. Gronland, born in Sweden in 1861, moved to North Grosvenordale in 1882, presumably as part of a large group of Swedes brought in by the Grosvenor-Dale Company. Gronland apparently adapted readily to life in America. By 1890 he was a registered voter in Thompson, and in 1896, he bought this lot, just south of the predominately Swedish Emanuel Luthern Church, for \$600 from a member of the Walker family.

Historically, the building is significant for its connection with the Swedish immigrant community,

Architecturally, it is significant as one of the best-preserved examples of Victorian Vernacular architecture in North Grosvenordale. Victorian Vernacular buildings are marked by the extravagant use of machine-produced wooden decorative detail, seen here in the railings, posts, brackets, and shingles.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 31:166 (1896)

Thompson Voting Records (Town Clerk's Office)

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 _____