

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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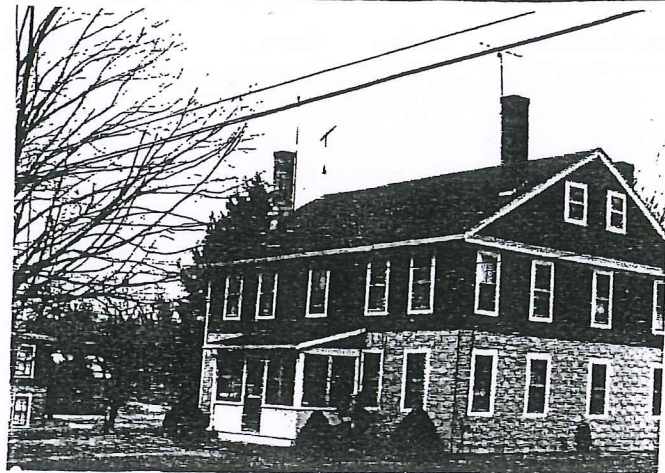
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR, SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		FABYAN MILL HOUSING	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	THOMPSON	FABYAN	WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		17/81-44	
	201 FABYAN-WOODSTOCK ROAD (580 FABYAN RD.)			
DESCRIPTION	4. OWNER(S)			
	VOGEL, ARTHUR & EDNA, FABYAN-WOODSTOCK RD., FABYAN, CT 06245 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	Residence		Residence	
	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		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Vernacular		mid 19th century	
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone Foundation <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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street				
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2		40' x 35'		
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) IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Extensive remodelling, siding	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" 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 small 19th century mill village.				

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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)

Five-bay facade, windows paired and offset toward corners of house. Sash generally 2-over-2. Central entry in shed-roofed screened in porch has rectangular sidelights, fluted pilasters. Molded cornice shows full return, approximately one foot overhang at attic story.

Four brick chimneys. Left parallel one story ell with entry under c. 1900 porch on square tapered posts. Old batten door on left wall of ell.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This large four family house was built in the mid 19th century to house workers at the Fabyan Woolen Mills (no longer extant). Fabyan, like Quinebaug, West Thompson, Quaddick, and Wilsonville had a long history of textile mill operations, but never attained the major status of the Grosvenordales.

The Phelps family first set up saw and grist mills in the area in 1804, followed shortly by a fulling mill and carding machine erected by Alpheus Corbin and Rufus Corburn. In 1829, Edward Howard, an Englishman, purchased land for a satinet factory; he died at sea shortly thereafter, leaving his interprise to languish. Between 1853 and 1865, the Howard mill was operated by the Billings and Upham firm, then taken over by the Murdock family, which continued to operate a mill at the site through several decades of fires and floods (the final mill building was destroyed by the flood of 1955).

Unlike northeastern Connecticut's larger mill villages, with their neat rows of standard plan mill housing, Fabyan was a rather improvised affair, with no two dwellings alike. The social control envisioned by the planners of these tightly supervised "company towns" also

SOURCES

Bayles, History of Windham County

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____

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seems to have escaped the small time mill operators of Fabyan -- at various times the village (then known rather derisively as New Boston) had a wide reputation for vice, drinking, and disorder.

This building is architecturally significant as a good example of 19th century mill housing (the five bay facade and the exaggerated gable overhand are references to 18th century farmhouse design).

Historically, it is significant as part of the modest but interesting collection of dwellings and commercial buildings preserved at the center of Fabyan.