

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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17/84/111

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

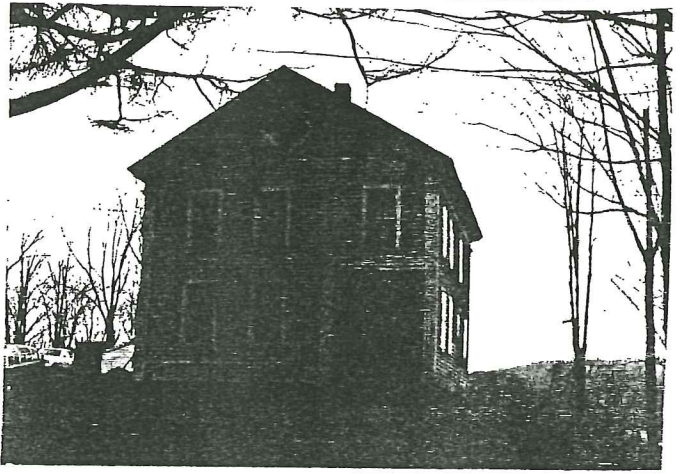
1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)	
JESSE ORMSBEE HOUSE	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE
THOMPSON	QUINEBAUG
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
7 PARKER ROAD & ROUTE 131	
17/84-1	
4. OWNER(S)	
BAKER, JOS. L. & COLBURN, ADA M., RR #2, DURHAM, CT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
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	

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Greek Revival		c. 1845
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"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Cinderblock chimney
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
<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"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile
<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street
<input type="checkbox"/> Sawtooth	<input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		
2 1/2		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
24' x 32'		
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN? _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	(Alterations)
IF YES, EXPLAIN		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural
<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
Just east of Fabyan, a 19th century village center.		

(OVER)

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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, right entry in antis. Entry recess framed by paneled pilasters and lintel with paneled corner block (right pilaster adjoins plain corner pilaster). Original heavy paneled wood door, rectangular sidelights over panels. Glazed transom covered with plastic. Sash old 6-over-6. Wide plain corner pilasters with molded capitals, molded architrave, plain frieze; molded cornice shows partial return. Diamond-shaped attic window with later small pane glazing. Lower one-and-one-half-story parallel rear wing.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 This house was built about 1845, probably by Jesse Ormsbee, about whom little could be found. It is architecturally significant as one of Thompson's best and least altered examples of the Greek Revival style.
 Greek Revival architecture was America's first truly national style, most popular between about 1835 and 1855. The Ormsbee house's corner pilasters, gable-to-street-orientation, and formal entablature (architrave, frieze, and cornice) were all intended to suggest the massing and construction of the classical Greek temple. The diamond shaped attic window is a relatively uncommon feature.

SOURCES
 1855 Atlas
 1867 Atlas

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 _____