

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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17/84/30/1

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) NEW BOSTON MILLOWNER'S RESIDENCE	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE COUNTY FABYAN WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 210 FABYAN-WOODSTOCK ROAD (575 FABYAN RD.) 17/84-30	
	4. OWNER(S) THOMAS, HELEN, BOX 65, FABYAN, CT 06245 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) _____ (Historic) Residence	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Vernacular/Federal DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1829	
	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input 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 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 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 checked="" 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 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 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 40' x 17'	
	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 Later 19th century sash, porch	
	14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) very plain 19th century house to left rear <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"/> Industrial <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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	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION

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

Five-bay facade, central entry, window bays paired and offset towards corners of building. Sash generally 2-over-2, second floor windows located high under eaves.

First floor windows have peaked, molded caps. Entry has double wood doors with single large lights over panels. One story screened-in porch on paired Tuscan columns. Turned balusters, molded rail, plain frieze, denticular molded cornice. Twin brick chimneys on hip roof.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This highly altered 19th century building served for several decades as the residence for owners of Fabyan's woolen mills (the village was then known as New Boston). The probable builder was Englishman Edward Howard, who built the village's first woolen mill in 1829. Howard died at sea shortly thereafter, and the mills were dogged by a long series of fires, floods, and other setbacks before their final demise in the flood of 1955.

This building served as an owner's residence for the firm of Billings and Upham, which ran the mills between 1853 and 1865, and for the Murdock family. George Taft Murdock, who had operated several mills in southern New England, purchased the mills in 1866, installing his son George Thurston Murdock as supervisor. Murdock may not have supervised too closely; the village developed a local reputation for drinking, vice, and disorder. The younger Murdock sold the house 1906, ending its association with the mills.

Historically, this house is significant for its longtime connection with Fabyan's woolen industry, and as part of an assemblage of older buildings marking this small textile village. Architecturally, it is considerably altered, but retains considerable old fabric; the shallow pitched hip roof is a feature often seen in large early 18th century houses.

SOURCES

1855 Atlas
1867 Atlas
Bayles, History of Windham County
Thompson Land Records 33:80 (1906)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____