

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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17/84/31//

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) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>		JOEL COPELIN HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
	THOMPSON		FABYAN	WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		17/84-31	
	196 FABYAN WOODSTOCK ROAD (581 FABYAN RD.)			
	4. OWNER(S)			
	RADLO, WALTER, K. JR., 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	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
		<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	
	Vernacular		c. 1830	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	
	<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) flashing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2		40' x 17'; 20' x 35' (rear wing)		
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
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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 sash, porch, clapboards	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input 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		
SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION			



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

Five-bay facade, central entry, windows paired and offset toward corners of house. Second floor windows located high under eaves. Sash generally 2-over-1. Entry has paneled pilasters with pulvinated capitals, narrow rectangular sidelights.

One story full width flat roofed porch on turned posts with chamfered bases. Delicate jigsaw brackets, molded architrave, plain frieze, molded cornice. Balustrade on porch roof has turned balusters, molded rail, square chamfered newel posts with orbs. House has plain corner boards; molded cornice shows partial return. Twin brick chimneys.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1830. The earliest known occupant was Joel Copelin (1810-1886) a Thompson born shoemaker.

Historically, the Copelin House is significant as part of a small but relatively well preserved assemblage of buildings in Fabyan (originally known as New Boston), many associated with the village's 19th century woolen industry.

Architecturally, it is significant as an early 19th century house altered extensively during the Victorian era. The twin chimney, central hall plan and the paired and offset windows testify to its early origin; the ornate porch is typical of Victorian Vernacular architecture, characterized by the use of inexpensive, mass produced wooden ornamentation.

SOURCES

1867 Atlas  
 Bayles, History of Windham County  
 Thompson Land Records 25:76 (1876)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_