

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

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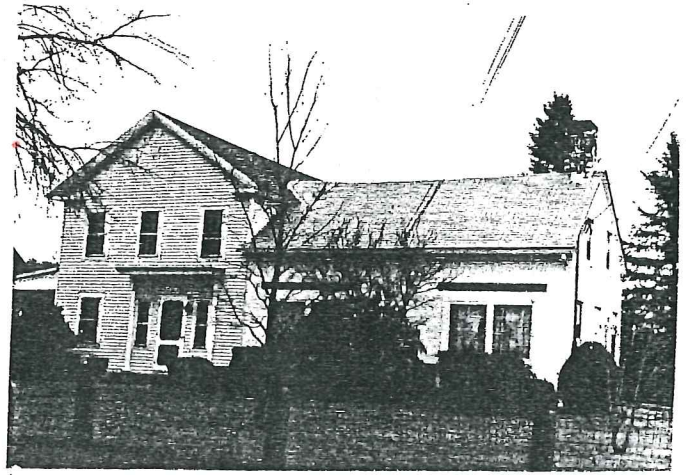
17/84/32/1

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)		THE AMASA COPELIN HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	THOMPSON	FABYAN	WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		17/84-32	
	178 FABYAN-WOODSTOCK ROAD (593 FABYAN RD.)			
	4. OWNER(S)		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
FORRESTER, RICHARD W. & KERSTIN E., FABYAN, CT 06245				
DESCRIPTION	5. USE (Present) (Historic)		Residence	
	Residence			
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	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	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Vernacular		c. 1830	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimneys <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick Right ell <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Granite foundation facing <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone			
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input checked="" 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 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		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2		22' x 40' (frame part); 31' x 24' (brick part)		
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	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Modern fence attached to 19th century granite posts <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.				

(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 front facing gable; right entry flanked by small 4-over-4 windows, engaged Tuscan columns.

Above, flat sided cap. Most sash is new, generally 1-over-1. Sided cornice shows partial return. Left elevation has shed roofed porch on Tuscan columns. To right, large cross-gabled brick wing with modern picture windows.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built in the early 19th century, probably by a member of the Copelin family (also seen as Copeland). Amasa Copeland (1810-59), who occupied it for many years was a shoemaker. After Copelin's death, it was owned by members of the Barnes, Sibley, and Munyan families.

Historically, this house is significant as part of a small but relatively well preserved assemblage of buildings in the 19th century village center of New Boston (now known as Fabyan). Many of the surviving buildings were associated with a series of modest woolen mills' in addition to the shoe making Copelins (Joel Copelin, also a shoemaker, lived just to the south), the village also claimed the edge tool factory founded by Parley Jordan.

Architecturally, the Amasa Copelin House is highly altered. The brick right wing is said to be the oldest portion of the building; the left front facing gable was probably built during the Greek Revival era (c. 1835-1855).

SOURCES

1855 Atlas
Interview with owner
Thompson Land Records 22:359 (1860)
Thompson Vital Statistics

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 _____