

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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57/64/711

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

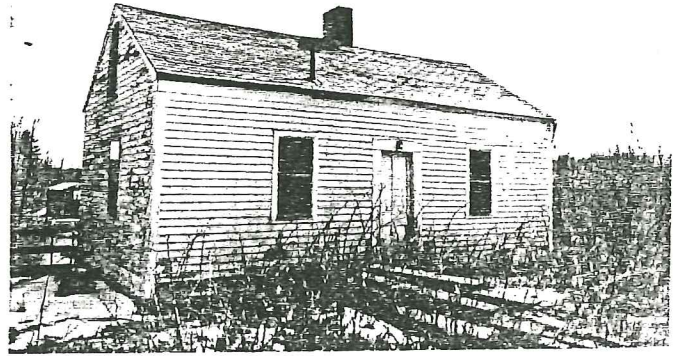
1. BUILDING NAME (Common) _____ (Historic) _____	
2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE WILSONVILLE
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 252 ROUTE 12 (1419 RIVERSIDE DR.) 57/64-7	
4. OWNER(S) MORRELL, CHARLES RUSSELL & LINNEA M., P.O. BOX 152 DUDLEY, MA 01570 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (present) _____ (Historic) _____ Vacant Residence (Mill Housing)	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	IF YES, EXPLAIN
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Vernacular	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION early 19th century
8. MATERIALS (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	Foundation
<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"/> 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"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up
<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	<input type="checkbox"/> Round
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street
<input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	N/A
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 1 1/2	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 30' X 18'
12. CONDITION (Structural) _____ (Exterior) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
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<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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
Some modern storm windows	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop
<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	Set back on overgrown lot
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 On the west bank of the French River, just north of the Wilsonville mill.

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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, central entry. Paneled wood door. Entry surround of plain boards, slightly peaked lintel. Small central brick chimney. Hand-hewn timber construction with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. No ridgepiece.
 Sash generally 2-over-2. Built downslope. Semi-detached outhouse/shed on raised basement story at left rear.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 This small vernacular dwelling dates at least to the earliest years of the 19th century. The hand-hewn timber frame and the lack of a ridgepiece suggest that it may have been built even earlier.
 The building's earliest history proved impossible to trace, but it was associated for many decades with the nearby Wilsonville woolen mills (276 Route 12) and used as worker housing. Never the most stable of Thompson's mill villages, Wilsonville was originally known as Childs' Mills.
 Laban T. Wilson took control of the mill privilege in 1823 and 1824, after a fire and several changes of ownership, the settlement achieved relative prosperity under the influence of the Keegan family, which continued to control the mills well into the 20th century. This building now stands vacant.

SOURCES
 1867 Atlas
 Bayles, History of Windham County

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____