

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
 HIST-6 NEW 5.77

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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57/66/611

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

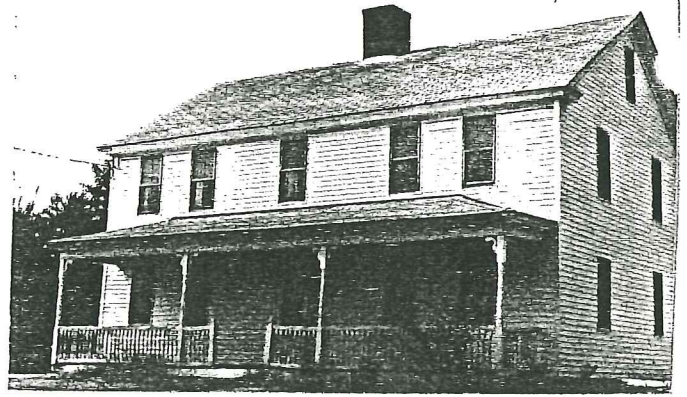
IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
THOMPSON		MARCUS CHILD HOUSE	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	WILSONVILLE	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		57/66-6	
397 ROUTE 12 (1344 RIVERSIDE DR.)			
4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
HAGGERTY, HARRY, RR #1, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<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		before 1800	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2	35' x 26'		
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<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)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN?	(Alterations) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN: Later siding, late 19th century fabric			
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)
old drystone wall encloses lot to north			
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
At the southern edge of Wilsonville, a mid 19th century mill village.			

(OVER)

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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 house. Victorian wood door with single large elliptical light over panels. One-story full-width porch with turned posts and balusters, molded rail, small jigsaw brackets. Square posts with orb newels flank steps. Sash generally 2-over-2.

Second floor windows located relatively high under the eaves. Molded cornice shows partial return. Central brick chimney. Left elevation has side entry, cross-gabled one-and-one-half-story rear wing with porch on square tapered posts.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Marcus D. Childs was the early and longtime occupant of this house, which was built before 1800 and extensively remodelled about 1890. Marcus Childs (1807-1879) was a farmer of modest means. He probably occupied the house beginning about 1840, but the extensive landholdings of the Childs family in the Wilsonville area make the exact date impossible to determine. Childs was a man of relatively modest means; upon his death in 1879, he left an estate valued at \$2,200, including 29 milk pans, a barometer, a sausage maker, and a great deal of farm equipment. It is quite likely that this house was originally built by another member of the Childs family; in the late 1700's what later became Wilsonville was known as "Childs' Mills", site of grist, saw, and dye mills operated by Elijah Childs and Josiah Perry.

This house is historically significant both as part of a well-preserved assemblage of older buildings in the Wilsonville area, and for its association with the Childs family. Architecturally, it is significant as a good example of the traditional central-chimney house, an adaptation of the rural house of East Anglia in Britain, and a type rarely built in Thompson after 1800. Victorian modifications include porch, sash and doors.

SOURCES

1855 Atlas  
1867 Atlas  
Bayles, History of Windham Country, p. 700  
Thompson Land Records 27:276 (1887)  
Thompson Probate Records 5:537 (1879)

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 _____