

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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63/100/42//

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		VILLAGE GROSVENORDALE	COUNTY WINDHAM
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		63/100-42	
435 REARDON ROAD (224 REARDON RO.)			
4. OWNER(S)		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ANDERSON, ELSA M., GROSVENORDALE, CT 06246			
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	
Bungalow		c. 1918	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone			
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone Porch piers			
<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 type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Pyramidal			
(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		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1 1/2		30' x 24'	
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)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		Later right wing	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)			
On large wooded lot			
<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 type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density			

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 In a low density residential area just south of the 1862 Grosvenordale mill.

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
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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. Small pane door, triple windows left and right (8-over-1 sash flanked by 4-over-1). Roofline extends for full width front porch. Paired slender tapered square posts with angular moldings at tops (after Tuscan).

Cobble porch piers, stair walls. Overhanging eaves. Large shed-roofed central roof dormer. Left: 8-over-1 sash, relatively plain. Right elevation: one story flat roofed c. 1940 addition.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built in 1918, the year of their marriage, by Carl D. Morrison and his wife Mary. Carl Morrison, a carpenter, was from Sweden (born 1880), his wife from Lebanon, Connecticut (born 1893). Like nearly all Swedes in Thompson Morrison presumably emigrated (as a child) in the early 1880s, when the Grosvenor Dale Company imported several dozen hard pressed Swedish families (the country was then in the midst of a depression) and installed them in the row houses of "Swede Village", overlooking the company's 1872 cotton textile mill.

This house is architecturally significant as one of Thompson's relatively few examples of the Bungalow style, one of the most popular small house types of the early 20th century. The extension of the roofline to form a front porch is a bungalow hallmark, as is the extensive use of "honest", picturesque materials such as cobblestone and wood shingles. First appearing in southern California just after 1900, the Bungalow was popularized through the publication of standardized house plans (for a time, pre-fabricated Bungalows could be ordered via railroad car from Sears). The style's relative scarcity in Thompson is probably due to an abundance of company owned mill housing during the years of its greatest popularity.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 38:193 (1918)
Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____