

**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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63/58/22/1

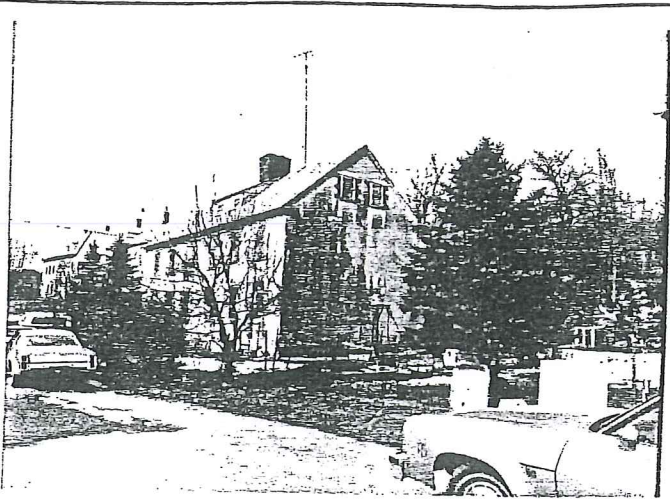
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>	
	MASONVILLE MILL HOUSING - TYPE A	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE
	THOMPSON	GROSVENORDALE
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
	58 MASON TERRACE & THATCHER ROAD (1 MASON TER.) 63/58-22	
	4. OWNER(S)	
	CARITO, JOSEPH F. JR. & CLAIRE S., GROSVENORDALE, CT 06246 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>	
	Residence Residence	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	
	Mill Housing	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	c. 1826	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input checked="" 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 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 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		
2 1/2		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
50' x 29'		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
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) extensive chicken coops in back <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
 In a small cluster of mill housing around the 1826 Masonville Mill; one of four nearly identical buildings.

(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)

Six-bay facade, left and right entries. Stucco walls (over fieldstone); door and window openings edged in banded brick. Wood sills, stone lintels. Sash mostly 6-over-6 with some old 12-over-12. Brick dentil course under eaves; molded cornice shows partial return.

Central shed-roofed roof dormer with 4-over-4 sash, central brick chimney.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

These brick-and-stucco duplexes were built by the Masonville Company between 1826 and 1831 to house workers at the adjacent cotton mill (just to the west on Route 12). The Masonville Company, which was the corporate ancestor of the later and much larger Grosvenor Dale Company, was organized in 1826 by Amasa and William H. Mason, Providence merchants with family connections in Windham County.

The Masons bought the mill privilege from local innkeeper and merchant Stephen Crosby, who had operated a grist mill, fulling mill, and sawmill at the site. Thomas Thatcher was brought in as a minority partner to serve as mill superintendent, and a building comprising a portion of the north part of the current mill was erected. Expanded in 1831, the mill was further expanded in the late 19th century under the direction of the Grosvenor Dale Company.

These houses are historically significant for their connection with the Masonville and Grosvenor Dale companies, and also as part of the oldest extant mill complex in Thompson (four similar brick duplexes are just to the south of the mill). Like the later complexes at Grosvenordale (just to the south) and North Grosvenordale (about a mile to the north) the

SOURCES

1887 View  
Bagnall, Contributions to American Economic History  
Margolick, Patterns of Change in New England Textile Towns

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

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

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**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**  
For Buildings and Structures

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
<b>TOWN NO.:</b>			<b>SITE NO.:</b>
<b>UTM: 18</b>	/	/	/
<b>QUAD:</b>			
<b>DISTRICT:</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>NR:</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
			<b>POTENTIAL</b>

CONTINUATION SHEET

#19 MASONVILLE MILL HOUSING - TYPE A

Item number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Masonville mills were erected on the mill village plan -- housing, work, retail, religious, and recreational activities were all combined in an easily supervised area in the shadow of the mill.

Architecturally, these buildings are significant as good examples of early mill housing. Especially notable is their relatively substantial masonry construction, and their references to 18th century domestic architecture (central chimneys). Both the substance and style of the buildings was probably intended to make them more palatable to rural New Englanders, suspicious of the then novel factory system. The dormers resemble the clerestory monitors found on so many early 19th century mills (the roof of the Masonville mill has been extensively altered).