

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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63/95/3/1

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>	
GROSVENORDALE MILL HOUSING	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE
THOMPSON	GROSVENORDALE
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
3 PARK STREET & ROUTE 12 <span style="margin-left: 100px;">(1 PARK ST.)</span> <span style="float: right;">63/95-3</span>	
4. OWNER(S)	
HUGHES, JAMES & JOHN, 234 HEARD STREET, WORCESTER, MA <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private</span>	
5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>	
Residence <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Residence</span>	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN	

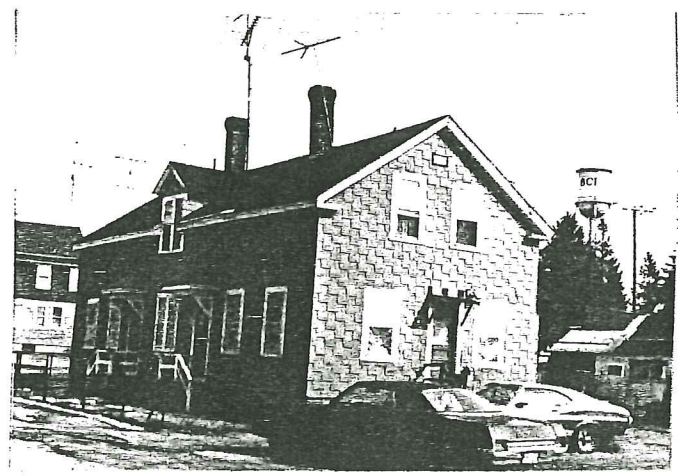
DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Mill Housing		c. 1870
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 <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip
(Material)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile
<input type="checkbox"/> Slate		<input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1 1/2	50' x 22'	
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 type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location) <span style="float: right;">WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN</span>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
See # 17		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage
<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)		
<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"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
One of two similar mill houses 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)

Seven-bay facade, entries in third and fifth bays, protected by wooden entry hoods on jigsawn consoles with elliptical cut-outs. Doors have twin lights over panels with heavily molded surrounds. Sash is mixed 2-over-2 and 4-over-1. Small central gabled wall dormer with paired sash.

Right elevation has side entry under modern hood, left has side entry in modern framed-in vestibule. Lower cross-gabled rear extension.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

In 1862 under the direction of Dr. William Grosvenor and mill superintendent Lucius Briggs, the early wooden mill known as "The Swamp Factory" (no longer extant) was moved to the east side of what is now Route 12, and construction was started on what is now the Belding-Corticelli Mill, beginning four decades of rapid expansion in Thompson's cotton textile industry. This millworkers' tenement, located just south of the 1862 mill, was probably completed shortly after the mill went into full operation in 1865. It remained under the ownership of the Grosvenor-Dale Company well into the 20th-century.

Historically, the building is significant for its connection with Thompson's cotton textile industry and with the Grosvenor-Dale Company, for three-quarters of a century the pre-eminent political and economic power in Thompson.

Architecturally, it is significant as a good example of 19th-century vernacular mill housing; similar buildings can be found throughout northeastern Connecticut.

J.D. Van Slyck, Representatives of New England Manufacturers, p. 262

Thompson Land Records

SOURCES

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

Renewal     Private     Deterloration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_