

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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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

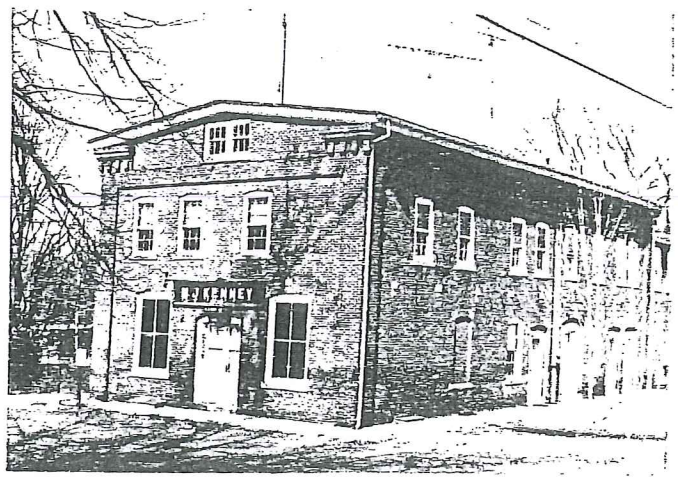
IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
4. OWNER(S)		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
10. ROOF (Type)		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN?	(Alterations)
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		IF YES, EXPLAIN	

(OVER)

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COMPILED BY	NAME Mark McDonough	DATE 1986
	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 with large double paneled wood doors. Window and entry openings segmental-arched. Sash oversized 2-over-2 on first floor, else generally 6-over-6. Brick walls laid up in common bond with Flemish varying granite sills, wall anchors. Brick corner pilasters and frieze, corbelled-out brick consoles, molded cornice, corbeled brick cornice, partial return (molded wood cornice under rakes).

Paired 3-over-3 attic windows. Left elevation has two side entries, right has four; both side elevations are relatively plain.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Mechanicsville, the woolen-mill town for which this building served as a post office, store, and railroad station, was controlled by a variety of interests. The earliest mill was built in 1827 by a local group known as The Mechanic's Company. Subsequent operators included various members of the Sayles, Wilkinson, Ross, and Harris families. Michael J. Kenney (1872-1931), who operated the store for several decades beginning in 1898 was a Thompson native born of Irish immigrant parents. The building itself was owned by the mill interests. The Mechanicsville mills were destroyed in the flood of 1955.

Historically, the Kenney store is significant both for its connection with Mechanicsville's history as a textile mill village, and for its decades as a prominent local social and commercial center.

Architecturally, it is significant as a good example of late 19th-century masonry construction. The cornice detailing, wall anchors, segmental-arched door and window openings, granite sills, and the nearly flat roof are all typical of much late 19th-

SOURCES

Bayles, History of Windham County
 Brief Historical Tour
 Thompson Land Records 46:80 (1935)
 Thompson Vital Statistics

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 _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET KENNEY STORE

Item number: _____ Date: _____

- 19) century commercial and industrial masonry construction. The corner pilasters and frieze suggest the lingering influence of the Greek Revival style in this isolated village.