

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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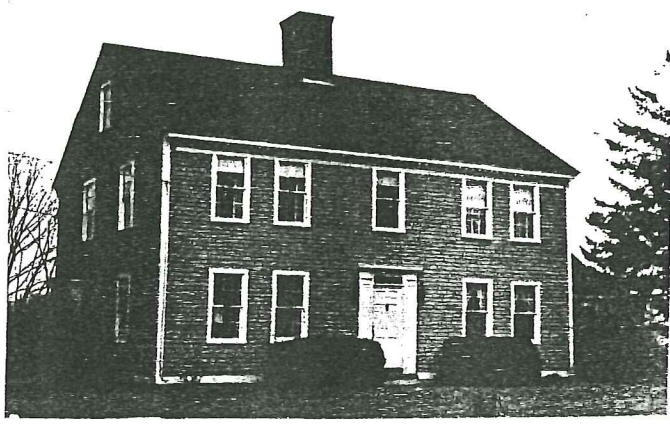
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		THEOPHILUS CHANDLER HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
	THOMPSON			WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
	150 NORMAN HILL ROAD		(80 NORMAN HILL RD.)	
	7 + 21/105-65			
	4. OWNER(S)			
	MORGAN, JOHN M., RR2, WOODSTOCK, CT 06281		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)			
	Residence		Residence	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
	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			
	FEDERAL		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
			c. 1785	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard		<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten		<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding		<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone Foundation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone		<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____		
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame		<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam		
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		<input type="checkbox"/> balloon		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
10. ROOF (Type)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable		<input type="checkbox"/> Flat		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel		<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth		
<input type="checkbox"/> Built up		<input type="checkbox"/> Round		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tile		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Slate		<input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street				
11. NUMBER OF STORIES				
2 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
		40' x 30' (main part)		
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Alteration)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair		<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input 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		
		Extensive; See #17		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed		
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house		<input type="checkbox"/> Garage		
<input type="checkbox"/> Shop		<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____		
<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				
One of two older houses on this isolated hilltop in southwestern Thompson.				

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	VIEW NE	NEGATIVE ON FILE K32	
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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)

Five-bay facade, central entry. Window bays paired and offset toward corners of house. Entry extensively repaired; paneled wood door, fluted pilasters, rectangular glazed transom with denticular molded cap. Windows have new 6-over-6 sash; frames are old pegged oak.

Second floor windows are fitted into cornice bed molding. Above, delicate dentils, then molded cornice with modillions cornice shows partial return. Large central brick chimney.

Left elevation has modern bay window to rear. Right has old lower parallel wing. Interiors have considerable original fabric, including denticular crown moldings, six-paneled doors. Corner posts and beams are boxed, with beaded corners (no exposed summer beams).

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built in 1785 by Theophilus Chandler, a carpenter (the modern equivalent would be "builder"). Chandler's brother Winthrop, a portrait artist, lived in a very similar house located just across the street; it burned in 1916. This house remained in the Chandler family until 1909.

Historically, this house is significant for its long time connection with the Chandler family, still well represented in 20th century Thompson.

Architecturally, it is significant (despite considerable recent exterior fabric) as one of Thompson's better preserved and more elaborate 18th century houses. The delicate, classically inspired detailing of the cornice is typical of the Federal or Adam style, most popular in Thompson from about 1785 to 1815.

SOURCES

Interview with owner.
Thompson Land Records 34:112 (1909)

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 _____