

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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81/43/25//

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) MARCUS TOWNE FARM	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE NORTH GROSVENORDALE
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 734 PASAY ROAD 81/43-25	
	4. OWNER(S) MACOMBER, ARTHUR C. & YVONNE L., RR#2, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic) 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 Vernacular	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1875	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Stucco over fieldstone</u>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street		
<input 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 27' x 45'		
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) (Alterations)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> WHEN? _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN <u>Extensive; See #17</u>		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 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		
In a lightly settled part of northern Thompson.		

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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)

Two-bay facade with left entry. Wood door has twin round arched lights. Entry hood on large jigsawn consoles with carved floral designs and turned pendants. Exterior walls stucco over fieldstone, banded brick edging around most window openings. Sash generally 2-over-2. Molded cornice with partial return.

Right elevation has entry in fifth bay (six deep). Left elevation has heavily altered or added cross-gabled rear wing, wood frame with 2-over-2.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This small masonry house was built about 1875 by Marcus F. Towne, a farmer. Towne, born in Thompson in 1823, married Mary J. Kinney in 1856. He died in Thompson late in the 18th century; records indexing his death are incomplete.

The farm remained in the Towne family until 1921.

Architecturally, the Towne House is significant as a good example of 19th century vernacular masonry construction. Fieldstone, the primary material used in the walls, was in abundant supply in Thompson; brick was made only on one site in the 19th century (near the south end of the what is now called Brickyard Road) and so tended to be used sparingly.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 25:125 (1877)
Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____