

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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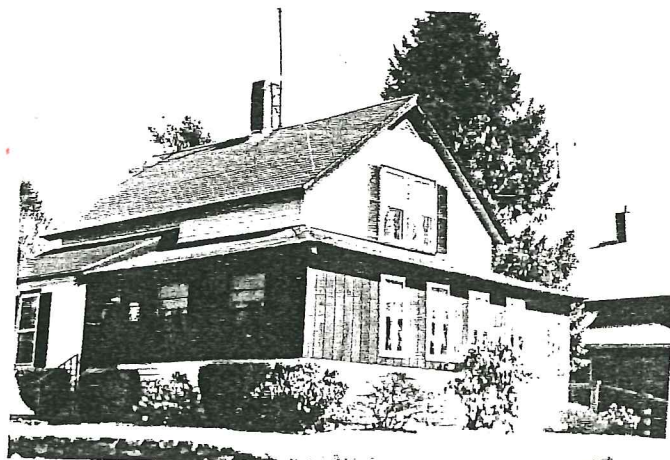
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83/57/24/1

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)		(Historic)	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON		VILLAGE GROSVENOR ALE	COUNTY WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 52 KLONDIKE STREET		(28 KLONDIKE ST.) 83/57-21	
	4. OWNER(S) JOHNSON, RONALD M. & MARIE P., RR2, N.		VENORDALE, CT 06255 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) Residence		(Historic) Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Mill Housing		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1897	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	
	DESCRIPTION	10. ROOF (Type)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Metal <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
12. CONCITION (Structural)		13. INTEGRITY (Location)		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				

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	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)

Facade has paired central attic and windows with 2-over-2 sash (horizontal muntins). Framed-in porch covers first floor of facade, wraps left to meet shed-roofed rear bay. Molded cornice shows no return. Right elevation has exterior brick chimney.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This row of three highly similar dwellings was built in the late 1890s to house workers at the nearby cotton textile mills of the Grosvenor Dale Company. The two easternmost houses were built by James and William Blinn, probably as private rental dwellings; the third may well have been built by the Blinns but was later owned by the Grosvenor Dale Company itself.

Architecturally, these buildings are of modest significance as altered 19th century mill housing; their cottage like proportions are unusual in Thompson; most local mill housing consists of larger multiple family dwellings.

Historically, they are significant for their association with the Grosvenor Dale Company, which dominated social, economic, and political life in Thompson from the time of the Civil War until it sold its operations in 1942.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 31:112 (1896)

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 _____