

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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87/53/9/B

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) THOMAS DAY HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE THOMPSON
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 106 BALLARD ROAD (38 BALLARD RD.) 87/53-9	
	4. OWNER(S) BALLARD, CLARENCE C., RR 2, THOMPSON, CT 06277 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) _____ (Historic) Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <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 18th century	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney Brick (w/stucco) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" 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: _____	
	DESCRIPTION	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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 35' x 26'		
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 type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
13. INTEGRITY (Location) _____ WHEN? _____ (Alterations) _____ IF YES, EXPLAIN _____		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Late 19th century porch		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Silo and other outbuildings <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No XXXXXX 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 small semi-rural part of southern 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)

Four-bay facade, central entry in third bay. Old 6-over-6 sash with some old 12-over-8, 9-over-6 on side elevations. One story porch shelters third and fourth bays, wraps around right corner to shelter side entry. Porch has lattice posts with jigsaw decorative panels, jigsaw post brackets.

Old paneled wood door, plain corner boards, second floor windows abut bed molding. Molded cornice shows partial return. Large central brick chimney. Old one story parallel kitchen wing at right rear.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built late in the 18th century, probably by Deacon Thomas Day, a Revolutionary War veteran who owned it at the time of his death in 1833. After Day's death, the farm was occupied by his son George W. Day, who sold the property to Edward Lippitt in 1835.

Lippitt sold the house to Winthrop H. Ballard in 1841; it has been owned by members of the Ballard family ever since.

Historically, the Thomas Day House is significant as one of only a few 18th century houses surviving in southwestern Thompson (most buildings in the area are modern or associated with the nearby 19th century Mechanicsville woolen mills) and for its long association with the Day and Ballard families, both locally prominent.

Architecturally, it is significant as a good example of 18th century vernacular housing. The irregular bay spacing, small pane sash (large panes were prohibitively expensive before the late 19th century), and the central brick chimney are all typical 18th century features. The porch is a c. 1890 addition.

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

Bayles, History of Windham County, p. 1118

Thompson Land Records 12:523 (1833)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____