

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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103/40/3C/

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)	
JOSIAH COMINS FARM			
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	THOMPSON	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
757 SUNSET HILL ROAD (116 SUNSET HILL RD.)		103/40-3C	
4. OWNER(S)			
SCHOPPE, IRVING J. & JUNE A., RR2, THOMPSON, CT 06277			
<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:			
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	
IF YES, EXPLAIN			

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Vernacular		c. 1800	
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 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"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable		<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hip		<input type="checkbox"/> Round	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor		<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	
<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"/> 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			
40' x 29'			
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair		<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
(Exterior)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent		<input checked="" 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			
Recent sash, later porch, repairs			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential		<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

One of several older houses on this street; the area is dominated by more recent suburban dwellings.

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
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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)

Five-bay facade, central entry. Sash generally recent 6-over-6. Window bays paired and offset towards corners of house. Entry has paneled wood door, rectangular sidelights, is sheltered by three-bay screened-in porch with Tuscan columns and central pedimented peak.

Second floor windows abut plain frieze. Molded cornice shows partial return. Central brick chimney. Right elevation has side entry with heavy paneled door, semi-circular radial glazed fanlight, plain pilasters, and open-pediment hood. Lower two story cross-gabled rear wing with Colonial Revival detailing adjoins modern garage.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Josiah Comins, a saddler and farmer, was the early and longtime occupant of this house. Comins, (1764-1849) was born in Killingly. He was a man of relatively modest means, leaving an estate of a little over \$3,000 upon his death (it included such items as 3 egg plates, a rocking chair, 3 old axes, and a \$75 pew in the Congregational Church).

Historically, the Comins House is significant as part of a large assemblage of older dwellings in the area surrounding the Thompson Green (located just to the southeast.).

Architecturally, it is significant as a good, if considerably altered example of an 18th century vernacular "central chimney" house. Alterations include the Colonial Revival porch and side entry, the recent sash, and numerous repairs. The 18th century origins of the building are still reflected in the symmetrical five-bay facade, the central entry, the location of the second floor windows high under the eaves, and by the central brick chimney itself.

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

1855 Atlas  
1867 Atlas  
Thompson Land Records 18:759 (1852)  
Thompson Probate Records 2:367  
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"/> Explanaton _____