

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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103/40/911

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) JOSEPH PERRY BIXBY HOUSE	
2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE THOMPSON	COUNTY WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 885 SUNSET HILL ROAD		(54 SUNSET HILL RD.) 103/40-9	
4. OWNER(S) MCNEIL, DAVID T. & SANDRA F., RR 2, THOMPSON, CT 06277		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) Residence		(Historic) Residence	
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

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Vernacular		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION late 18th century	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney Brick	<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:	
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 1 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 32' x 24' (main part)	
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 Modern storm sash, rebuilt chimney
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) attached agricultural 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 type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS On a street with several older houses and considerable recent construction.			

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
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	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)	
	<p>Five-bay facade, central entry. Paneled wood door, entry surround of plain boards. Rectangular glazed transome. Sash generally 2-over-2. Molded architrave, narrow plain frieze, bed molding.</p> <p>Molded cornice shows partial return. Central brick chimney. Left elevation has one-story rectangular bay window with narrow 1-over-1 sash, molded window caps. Right elevation plain; walls out of plumb. Attached sheds and barn to rear.</p>	
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	<p>19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE</p> <p>Joseph Perry Bixby was an early and longtime occupant of this house which dates to the later years of the 18th century. Little could be discovered about Joseph Perry Bixby, in part due to confusion in town records and atlases between Joseph Perry and his relative Joseph Prince Bixby. Joseph Perry Bixby lived in this house from before 1855 until he sold it in 1885. During his ownership, the house was extensively remodelled. The central chimney, ridge-parallel-to-street form, and timber frame (indicated by out-of-plumb walls) support an 18th century origin for the house. The bay window, 2-over-2 sash, and attached agricultural buildings are all 19th century features.</p> <p>Architecturally, the Bixby House is significant as an example of an 18th century vernacular dwelling with 19th century modifications.</p> <p>Historically, it is significant as part of a large assemblage of older houses surrounding the nearby Thompson Green (located just to the southeast).</p>	
SOURCES	<p>1855 Atlas</p> <p>1867 Atlas</p> <p>Thompson Land Records 27:219 (1885)</p>	

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 _____