

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
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105/32/211

| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  |  |
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| Town No.:  | Site No.:  |
| UTM  |  |
| QUAD:  |  |
| DISTRICT<br><input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR | IF NR, SPECIFY<br><input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential |

IDENTIFICATION

|  |  |  |                   |
|--|--|--|-------------------|
| 1. BUILDING NAME (Common)<br>TOWN HOUSE ANTIQUES   |  | (Historic)<br>TOWN HOUSE   |                   |
| 2. TOWN CITY<br>THOMPSON   |  | VILLAGE<br>THOMPSON  | COUNTY<br>WINDHAM |
| 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)<br>1864 ROUTE 193 (355 THOMPSON RD.)  |  |  | 105/32-2          |
| 4. OWNER(S)<br>HAYES, DONALD M. & DOROTHY B., THOMPSON, CT 06277 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private |  |  |                   |
| 5. USE (Present)<br>Residence/Retail   |  | (Historic)<br>Residence  |                   |
| 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  | EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | IF YES, EXPLAIN   |

DESCRIPTION

|  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| 7. STYLE OF BUILDING<br>Vernacular                           |   | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION<br>c. 1831                 |   |
| 8. MATERIALS (Indicate use or location when appropriate)     |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone  | Foundation (part)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone            |   |
| <input checked="" 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<br>2 1/2                               |   | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS<br>44' x 30' (main part) |   |
| 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) 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 modern siding   |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> High building density  |
| 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS           |   |   |   |

On Thompson Hill, in a well-preserved 19th-Century village center.

(OVER)

|             |   |                                      |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| PHOTO       | PHOTOGRAPHER<br>Mark McDonough                | DATE<br>1986                         |
|             | VIEW<br>NE & NW                               | NEGATIVE ON FILE<br>E14 & G21 (rear) |
| COMPILED BY | NAME<br>Mark McDonough                        | DATE<br>1986                         |
|             | ORGANIZATION<br>Town of Thompson, Connecticut |                                      |
|             | ADDRESS                                       |                                      |



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Seven bays over five, central entry. Double heavy wood doors with round-arched lights, etched glass in elaborate floral design, applied wooden decorations below. Heavy molded entry surround, corner blocks with circular bosses. Glazed transom. Second floor has 6-over-6 sash, first floor 2-over-2. One-story full-width porch wraps across right elevation; framed-in at right-rear. Chamfered square posts, paneled railing, plain frieze, molded cornice on large jigsaw brackets. House has plain frieze and cornice (later repair). Round-arched attic windows have drip moldings with turned pendants. At left, one-story bay attaches to large barn/shop at rear with small louvered cupola.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This building, known as the Town House, was probably built about 1831 by dry goods dealer Erastus Knight (1799-1870) and his partner Simon Davis. Its present appearance reflects c. 1870 Victorian modifications (porch and entry detail, attic windows) and modern siding and repairs. After Knight's death, subsequent owners included Edward Shaw and J. N. Kingsbury. The origin of the large shop/barn to the rear remains unclear. The plain structure is difficult to date architecturally; it was moved to or erected on the site after 1867.

Historically, the Town House is significant as part of a large and well-preserved assemblage of older buildings in the village of Thompson Hill.

Architecturally, it is significant (despite considerable alterations) for its surviving Victorian detail and simple vernacular form.

SOURCES

1867 Atlas  
Thompson Land Records 12:57 (1831)  
Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanaton \_\_\_\_\_

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**STORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM**  
For Buildings and Structures

|                            |                  |            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| <b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b> |                  |            |                  |
| <b>TOWN NO.:</b>           | <b>SITE NO.:</b> |            |                  |
| <b>UTM: 18</b>             | /                | /          | /                |
| <b>QUAD:</b>               |                  |            |                  |
| <b>DISTRICT:</b>           | <b>S</b>         | <b>NR:</b> | <b>ACTUAL</b>    |
|                            |                  |            | <b>POTENTIAL</b> |

CONTINUATION SHEET

TOWN HOUSE

Item number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

