

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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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

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON		VILLAGE THOMPSON	COUNTY WINDHAM
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 1854 ROUTE 193 (361 THOMPSON RD.)		105/32-3	
4. OWNER(S) CHAPIN, HAROLD C. & NANCY B., 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
7. STYLE OF BUILDING Federal		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1815	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick (stuccoed) <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Granite foundation facing			
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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 41' X 34'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<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)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			IF YES, EXPLAIN c. 1900 right porch
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input 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			
On Thompson Hill, in a well-preserved 19th-century village center			

(OVER)

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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, central entry. Sash 2-over-2, oversized on first floor, molded window surrounds. Entry: large, recessed with paneled soffit, wide paneled surround; double doors have large rectangular lights over projecting pyramidal panels. Above entry, a simplified Palladian window: fixed 30-pane window flanked by paired paneled pilasters, semi-elliptical molding with fluted keyblock above.</p> <p>House has wooden quoins. Frieze with incised vertical lines, delicate sawtooth bed molding, molded cornice. Shallow hip roof, flattened at ridge. Right elevations has one-story screened-in Tuscan-columned porch with frieze similar to main roof. Left elevation retains some old 6-over-6 sash.</p>

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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SIGNIFICANCE	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
	<p>This house was built about 1815 by James Webb. At the time, the northern part of Thompson Hill was the site of intense real estate trading as a result of the boom sparked by the completion of the Boston-Hartford (1797) and Providence-Springfield (1803) turnpikes. This building traded hands early and often. Webb sold it in 1917 to Arnold Johnson, subsequent owners included James Brown, Dr. Samuel Bowen, Harvey Blashfield, Milton Joslin and Joseph B. Gay.</p> <p>Architecturally, this house is significant as a good, if somewhat altered, example of the Federal or Adam style. Typical Federal features include the five-bay facade, the Palladian-influenced window, the hip roof and the wooden quoins. The presence of this relatively high-styled dwelling in what had been an isolated rural crossroads testifies to the sudden prosperity brought by turnpike trade.</p>

SOURCES	Thompson Land Records 7:18 (1817)
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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 _____