

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

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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	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic) GEORGE CROSBY HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE THOMPSON
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 1830 ROUTE 193 375 Thompson Rd.	
	4. OWNER(S) MORSE, STEPHEN K. & VERA S., ROUTE 193, THOMPSON, CT 06277	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic) Residence Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Victorian Vernacular	
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick Foundation <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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Cross-gabled</u> (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 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
	2 1/2 25' 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
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) On large lot; farm field just to the north <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, at the northern edge of a well preserved 19th century village center.		

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	ADDRESS	



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Three-bay facade, left entry. Sash generally 2-over-2, oversized on first floor of facade. One story full width porch on Tuscan columns has pedimented peak with carved sunburst centered on entry, extends at left to form rounded pavillion with conical roof with small wood finial.

Porch has turned balusters, molded rail, molded architrave, plain frieze, molded cornice with small jigsaw brackets. House has plain corner boards and frieze, overhanging eaves, molded cornice. Facade has pedimented peak with bevelled shingles. Attic light has 18 small panes. Left elevation has border pane staircase window. Right elevation has two-and-one-half-story bay window, bevelled, squared at second floor on large consoles with sunburst carvings.

Pedimented peak has applied boards in a chevron pattern. Large right-rear cross-gabled one-and-one-half-story wing has one story porch on lattice posts.

18 ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1895 by George S. Crosby (d. 1919) on land, owner and tavern proprietor Stephen Crosby purchased from George Larned in 1826.

Historically, it is significant as part of a large assemblage of well preserved older dwellings in Thompson Hill. When this house was built, what had been a dormant turnpike trading center was undergoing a second wave of popularity as a picturesque summer resort.

Like many Victorian houses, the Crosby House relies heavily on the use of inexpensive, mass produced wooden ornamentation, made affordable by 19th century advances in mechanized wood forming technology. The deliberately asymmetrical massing shows the influence of the Queen Anne style.

SOURCES

Thompson Assessor's Records
Thompson Land Records 10:45 (1826)
Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterloration Zoning Explanation _____