

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

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105/33/3/1

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| 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 |

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| IDENTIFICATION | 1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic) | | THE ACADEMY BUILDING | | |
| | 2. TOWN CITY | VILLAGE | COUNTY | | |
| | THOMPSON | THOMPSON | WINDHAM | | |
| | 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) | | | | 105/33-3 |
| | 1896 ROUTE 193 (north portion) 343 Thompson Rd. | | | | |
| | 4. OWNER(S) | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private |
| | Kwiecen, Prudence Paine, Box 76, Thompson, CT 06277 | | | | |
| | 5. USE (Present) | | (Historic) | | |
| | Store/School/Offices | | Storage/Garage | | |
| | 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | |
| EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD | | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE | | IF YES, EXPLAIN | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 7. STYLE OF BUILDING | | | | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION | |
| Greek Revival | | | | c. 1850 | |
| 8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) board siding, rear wing | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding | <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 sills & lintels, foundation | | | |
| 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM | | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame | <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam | <input type="checkbox"/> balloon | | | |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street | |
| <input 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 | | 26' X 32' | | | |
| 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) | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Victorian shingles in peak | |
| 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) adjoins next house to south | | |
| <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 | | | | | |
| Just south of the Congregational Church in a well-preserved 19th-century village center. | | | | | |

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Three-bay facade, central entry. Brick walls laid up in common bond with header courses every tenth course. Sas old 8-over-8, granite sills and lintels. Paneled wood door, transom has modified border-pane glazing. Molded cornice, pedimented peak with staggered-butt shingles. Side elevations feature 6-over-6 sash, first-floor walls blank. At right rear, adjoins house to south through garage/stable wing.

Interior: second floor suspended on tie rod to create single clear-span room below. Rear stable wing has three stalls with round-arched molded keyblock surrounds.

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| 18 ARCHITECT | BUILDER |
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This structure, which originally stood just south of the Thompson Bank (relocated to Old Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts), was built on the site of Thompson Hill's first retail store. Beginning in 1851, it housed a private school known as the Woodstock Academy. The Academy, sponsored by Joseph B. Gay and millowner William Mason, operated somewhat fitfully until its final closing in 1866, at which time the property reverted to Congregational Minister Andrew Dunning, the original owner of the lot and the occupant of the attached house. After Dunning's death in 1872, both structures were purchased by Dr. Lowell Hollbrook (1818-1905), for several decades Thompson's most prominent physician. At that time, fast and well-tended horses were essential to a rural medical practice; it was probably Hollbrook who converted the rear of the building to a stable.

Architecturally, the Academy Building is significant as one of Thompson's best-preserved examples of the Greek Revival style. Typical Greek Revival features include the pedimented peak, broad proportions, and shallow-pitched roof, all intended to suggest the form and massing of a Classical Greek temple.

SOURCES

1867 Atlas
Interview with owner
Thompson Land Records 19:142 (1851)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input 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 _____ |

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ACADEMY BUILDING

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- 19) Historically, it is significant as part of a large and well-preserved assemblage of eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth century buildings in the village center of Thompson Hill. It is also significant for its association with Dr. Hollbrook a prominent local figure, and with the Academy. The presence of a private academy testifies to the social and economic status of Thompson Hill in the mid 19th-century -- public schools, then as now, were glorified as democratic institutions, but avoided by the wealthy. The failure of the Academy in the 1860's probably reflects the economic decline of the Hill, a stagecoach-based trading center, in the railroad era.

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| IDENTIFICATION | 1. BUILDING NAME (Common) _____ (Historic) | |
| | 2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON | VILLAGE THOMPSON |
| | 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 1896 ROUTE 193 (south portion) 343 Thompson Rd. 105/33-3 | |
| | 4. OWNER(S) KWIECEN, PRUDENCE PAINE, BOX 76, THOMPSON, CT 06277 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private | |
| | 5. USE (Present) _____ (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. 1820 | |
| | 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"/> Chimneys Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input checked="" 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"/> balloon | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gable | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Round | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Built up | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tin | <input type="checkbox"/> Slate | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tile | <input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street | | |
| 11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2 | | |
| APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 40' X 20' (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 | |
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| 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 Victorian right porch | | |
| 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) | | |
| attaches to next house north through left-rear garage wing (old) | | |
| 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 | |
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Five-bay facade, central entry. Windows paired and offset towards corners of house. Old 6-over-6 sash, molded window surrounds. Old wide heavy-paneled wood door. Rectangular sidelights with leaded star-and-circle glazing, cast-lead floral decorations. Radial-glazed semi-elliptical fanlight with cast-lead decorations. Sidelights flanked by very slender engaged round columns with flared acanthus-leaf capitals and annular rings. Same above fanlight. Later flat-roofed entry portico on square chamfered posts with entasis, narrow round-arched panels (engaged posts at main wall). Portico has plain frieze with central molding, applied spades under bracketed molded cornice. Turned balusters, molded rail. House has two-story paneled corner pilasters, molded architrave, plain frieze, molded cornice. Four-bay flat-roofed cupola on roof.

Right elevation: one-story flat-roofed porch on tapered square chamfered posts. Porch forms rounded pavillion at right-front; railing has fishscale shingles.

Left elevation: stable/barn wing connects to building next north (see separate form).

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| 18 ARCHITECT | BUILDER |
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1820 by Daniel R. Wickham. The building's cross-gabled rear wing was originally a store built in 1797, the year the Boston-Hartford Turnpike was opened. It is said to have been the first store on Thompson Hill. Later occupants of the house included Congregational minister Adrew Dunning (d. 1872) and prominent local physician Dr. Lowell Hollbrook (1818-1905).

Architecturally, the Wickham House is significant as a good example of the Federal or Adam style. Typical features include the fanlight entry with its elaborate leaded glazing and delicate engaged columns, the symmetrical five-bay form, the shallow hipped roof, and the monitor-like cupola (a locally popular feature). The portico, right-front porch, and possibly the corner pilasters are later 19th-century modifications.

Historically, the Wickham House is significant as part of a large and well-preserved assemblage of older buildings in the village center of Thompson Hill. The existence of this relatively high-styled dwelling in what had been an isolated rural township testifies to the prosperity of the village during the early years of importance as a turnpike trading center.

SOURCES

Bayles, History of Windham County, p. 714
 Interview the owner
 Thompson Land Records 19:142 (1851)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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| <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 _____ |

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17) Rear: old cross-gabled two-and-one-half-story wing.