

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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105/34/13/1

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 GAY/ELLEN LARNED HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
	THOMPSON		THOMPSON	WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		105/34-13	
	1916 ROUTE 193 (327 THOMPSON RD.)			
	4. OWNER(S)			
	SPAHL, CHARLES E. & BARBARA N., THOMPSON, CT 06277		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	Residence		Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
			<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	
	Federal		c. 1814	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard		<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endwalls
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick Chimneys
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten		<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding		<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Granite ashlar foundation facing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
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"/> Gambrel		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Round	<input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth	
(Material)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Slate	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2		40' x 31'		
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	
		IF YES, EXPLAIN		
		C. L(L% LEFT PORCH, REAR DORMER		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn		<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house		<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____		
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				
		In Thompson Hill, a well-preserved 19th century village center.		

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	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut	
	ADDRESS	



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. Entry has heavy paneled door, rectangular sidelights flanked by slender paneled pilaster. Semi-elliptical glazed transom with molded surround, fluted keyblock.
 Above entry, Palladian window: 12-over-12 sash flanked by narrow sidelights. Narrow plain pilasters, scalloped and molded architrave, plain frieze, scalloped and molded cornice. Carved central sunburst topped by small radially arrayed rectangular panes, drilled rectangular surround, fluted keyblock. Sash generally 6-over-6. House has wooden quoins, molded architrave, and frieze; molded cornice shows partial return.
 Second floor windows relatively high under eaves. Four brick chimneys straddle ridge. Endwalls are brick, with splayed brick lintels, wall anchors. Left elevation has c. 1915 Tuscan columned porch. Rear elevation has later shed dormer.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 This house is best known for its association with local historian Ellen Douglas Larned, who lived in it for many decades before her death in 1912 at the age of 86. The house was originally built about 1815 by Deacon Joseph Gay, Miss Larned's grandfather. Deacon Gay died in 1837, leaving the house to his widow, Anna Spalding Gay. When she died in 1847, the house was left to Annie S. Gay, wife of George Larned and mother of Ellen D. Larned. After George Larned died in 1858, Annie Gay Larned and her single daughter lived in the house until the mother's death at age 90 in 1883.
 Historically, the house is significant as part of a large assemblage of well preserved older dwellings in Thompson Hill, and for its association with Ellen D. Larned.
 Architecturally, it is significant as one of Thompson's finest examples of the Federal or Adam style. Marked by characteristically delicate detailing adapted from a variety of classical precedents, the Federal style is found most commonly in high style buildings built between 1780 and 1820. Most examples in Thompson were built just after the completion of the Providence-Springfield (1803) and Boston-Hartford (1797) Turnpikes, which transformed what had been an isolated rural village into a prosperous crossroads settlement.

SOURCES

1855 Atlas
 1867 Atlas
 Thompson Land Records 18:428 (1849)
 Thompson Probate Records 1:254 (1837)
 Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET #19 JOSEPH GAY/ELLEN LARNED HOUSE

Item number: _____ Date: _____

Typical Federal details present here include the Palladian window, quoins, and elliptical fanlight. The brick endwalls are a locally popular feature usually seen in houses built between 1810 and 1820.