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CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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105/34/9/1

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	

DISTRICT
☐ S ☐ NR

IF NR. SPECIFY
☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) _____ (Historic)
MARTHA H. CHANDLER HOUSE

2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON **VILLAGE** THOMPSON **COUNTY** WINDHAM

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)
1948 ROUTE 193 (307 THOMPSON RD.) 105/34-9

4. OWNER(S)
KELLEY, DANIEL B. & PROKOP, MARIAN, THOMPSON, CT 06277
☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present) Residence (Historic) Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No
INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No
IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING
Colonial Revival/Queen Anne
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1895

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☒ Brick Chimney ☐ Other (Specify) _____

☒ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☒ Fieldstone Foundation & porch

☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone

☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: _____ ☐ Cut stone Type: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon

☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel

☐ Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)

☐ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth

☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☒ Other (Specify) Gable x-gambrel

(Material)

☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street

☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) _____ Gable ☒ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2 **APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS** 23' x 50'

12. CONDITION (Structural)
☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated (Exterior) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) ☒ On original site ☐ Moved WHEN? (Alterations) ☐ Yes ☒ No IF YES, EXPLAIN

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☒ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
fieldstone wall
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Woodland ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
In Thompson Hill, a well preserved 19th century village center.

(OVER)

	PHOTOGRAPHER		DATE
	Mark McDonough		1986
	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE	
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	NAME		DATE
	Mark McDonough		1986
	ORGANIZATION		
	Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION.

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

Complex massing: large front facing left gambrel on tall ridge parallel gabled box, lower parallel gabled right porch wing. Sash generally lozenge pane upper, single pane lower. Gambrel is rounded on first floor, overhangs on second; elliptical attic window with radial glazing.

Right porch has fieldstone apron and piers, fieldstone posts and Tuscan columns. Square balusters and molded rail; molded architrave, plain frieze, molded cornice. Entry is left under porch, in front wall of main gabled box. Paneled wood door, small sidelights over large panels, flat molded cap.

Above entry, steep gabled roof dormer. To right, small eyebrow dormer with radial glazing. Gabled end of porch wing has semi-elliptical attic window with diamond pane glazing. Left and right elevations have exterior brick and fieldstone chimneys. Right has two story bay window, palladian attic window with keyblock surround. Left has palladian windows on second and attic stories.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT | **BUILDER**

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house, occupied for a number of years by Martha Helen Chandler (d. 1911), was built about 1895 by Harriet Chandler Forest, whose principal residence was in Hartford. Martha Chandler's son, prominent local lawyer and gentleman farmer Raymond H. Chandler, lived across the street (1955 Route 193).

Historically, the Martha H. Chandler house is significant as part of a large assemblage of well preserved older houses in the village of Thompson Hill. Like the larger houses built nearby by the Ream and Gladding families, the Chandler House was built when Thompson Hill, formerly a busy stagecoach trading center, was experiencing a second boom as a summer stopping place for the leisure class.

Architecturally, the building is significant as a structure combining several architectural styles current at the turn of the century. The large expanses of shingled wall area, the curved front gambrel, the integration of the porch, and the eyebrow dormer all suggest the Shingle style, a popular mode for upper class resort houses. The tower-like gabled roof dormer and the extravagant asymmetry reflect the continuing influence of the Queen Anne style, and the elliptical attic windows and classically inspired Palladian detailing show the growing influence of the Colonial Revial style.

SIGNIFICANCE

Interview with owner of R.H. Chandler House
Thompson Land Records 27:580 (1893); 27:388 (1889)

SOURCES

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

[X] None known   [ ] Highways   [ ] Vandalism   [ ] Developers   [ ] Other _____

[ ] Renewal   [ ] Private   [ ] Deterioration   [ ] Zoning   [ ] Explanation _____