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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
 (203) 566-3005

105/38/3/1

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR, SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) VILLA MARIA REST HOME (2)		(Historic) THE NICHOLS HOUSE	
2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON		VILLAGE THOMPSON	COUNTY WINDHAM
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 73 ROUTE 200		105/38-3 (341 THOMPSON HILL RO.)	
4. OWNER(S) SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, THOMPSON, CT 06277		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) Rest Home		(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 Queen Anne		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1890	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone Randon-ashlar foundation <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) Complex (Material) _____ N/A <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 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 42' x 54'	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Later siding
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" 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.			

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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)

Sash generally 2-over-2. Full width porch on slender Tuscan columns. Turned balusters, molded rail, rounded pavillion at left supports round tower with conical roof, wood finial. Facade has nested gables.

Right gable projects, is supported by porch, is centered above sidelighted entry. Gable detail includes wide frieze with large jigsaw brackets (paired on left gable), molded cornice with partial return, semi-elliptical attic windows with radial glazing, molded surrounds with keyblocks.

Large flat roofed right and rear wings.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This large Queen Anne house was built about 1890 by a member of the locally prominent Nichols family.

Since 1942, it has been owned by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who now use it as a rest home. The Nichols House is one of a number of Thompson Hill houses built or remodelled during the last years of the 19th century. At the time, a sleepy and rather obsolescent stagecoach trading center was undergoing a second boom as a summer resort.

Historically, the Nichols House is significant as part of a large and well preserved assemblage of buildings in the village center of Thompson Hill.

Architecturally, it is somewhat altered, but still retains the marked asymmetry and some of the ornate wooden detailing typical of the Queen Anne style, the most extravagant of several closely related Victorian styles. The tower at left front is also a typical Queen Anne detail.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 31:116 (1897)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterloration Zoning Explanation _____

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)		
VILLA MARIA REST HOME	ROYAL S. WATSON HOUSE		
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	THOMPSON	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
ROUTE 200 (345 THOMPSON Hill Rd.)	105/38-3		
4. OWNER(S)			
SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, THOMPSON, CT 06277	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
5. USE (Present)	(Historic)		
Residence (Rest Home)	Residence		
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	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		

DESCRIPTION

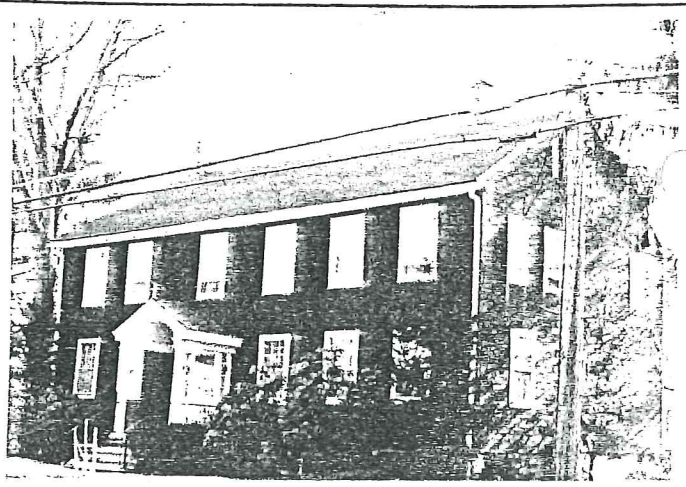
7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Vernacular/Federal	c. 1815	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimneys <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input checked="" 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 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street		
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2 1/2	48' 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)	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Modern siding, new foundation
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		
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16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

On Thompson Hill in a well preserved 19th century village center.

(OVER)

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION

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

Six-bay facade, entry in oversized third bay. Sash generally old 6-over-6. Entry has old rectangular sidelights flanked by pilasters suggesting slender engaged round columns with annular moldings. Semi-elliptical radial-glazed fanlight with stained glass panes.

Open pediment portico on Tuscan columns (c. 1900). Molded cornice shows full return on left, partial return on right. Twin brick chimneys. Side elevations plain.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house built about 1815, was originally part of "Thorn Farm", a property owned by gentleman farmer Royal S. Watson. After Watson's death due to "nervous exhaustion from intemperance" in 1860, the property passed to the Mason family, and was eventually donated in 1949 to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who now use it as a rest home.

The house has been extensively altered, but still preserved some Federal-era detailing in the entry (notably the sidelights and the characteristically delicate pilasters). It is significant as part of a large assemblage of older buildings in the village of Thompson Hill.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 22:445 (1862)
Thompson Vital Statistics 3:190 (1860)

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 _____