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105/40/15/1

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Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	

DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR
IF NR. SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME *(Common)* — *(Historic)* TALCOTT CROSBY HOUSE (2)

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

3. STREET AND NUMBER *(and/or location)* 1855 ROUTE 193 *(362 THOMPSON RD.)* 105/40-15

4. OWNER(S) O'NEILL, ANN M. & JOSEPH B., BOX 62, 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

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Queen Anne **DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** c. 1887 (remodelled); c. 1827

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

☒ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other *(Specify)*
☒ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☒ Fieldstone Foundation
☐ 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)*

DESCRIPTION

10. ROOF *(Type)*

☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other *(Specify)*

(Material)

☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street
☒ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other *(Specify)* ☒ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2 **APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS** 36 x 30'

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)*
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

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

(OVER)

	PHOTOGRAPHER		DATE
PHOTO	Mark McDonough		1986
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COMPILED BY	Mark McDonough		1986
	ORGANIZATION		
	Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Four-bay facade, entry in third bay. Projecting right front gable, left front round tower. Tall double wood doors with large lights over panels. Paneled entry pilasters. Sash generally 2-over-2. One story full width porch extends to form rounded pavillion at left front.

Porch has paired square posts with infill panels with floral cut-outs. Post have plain capitals with turned circular bosses. Balusters generally square, turned and spindled to either side of entry steps. Molded rail.

Tower at left has paneled wall surface, molded cornice, conical roof with wood finial. Second floor has staggered-butt shingles. Right front gable has pedimented peak, paneled wall surface just below cornice, elliptical attic window with radical glazing, keyblock surround.

18 ARCHITECT | **BUILDER**

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house, originally built by Talcott Crosby about 1827, was owned for several decades by Jeremiah Olney. Crosby (1795-1870) was a local farmer and merchant who also served for 35 years as Thompson Probate Judge.

Historically, the Talcott Crosby House is significant as part of a well preserved assemblage of older buildings in Thompson Hill.

Architecturally, the house is significant as one of several older houses in Thompson Hill remodelled in the last years of the 19th century, as the dormant turnpike trading center under went a second wave of popularity as a summer resort. The round tower and porch pavillion, the paneled wall surfaces, and the extravagant asymmetry of the facade are all typical of the Queen Anne style. The ornate porch detail and staggered butt shingles are seen in a wide variety of Victorian dwellings.

SOURCES

1867 Atlas
Lincoln, Modern History of Windham County, p. 303-6
Thompson Land Records 10:46 (1826)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

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

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