

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
 HIST-6 NEW 5:77

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 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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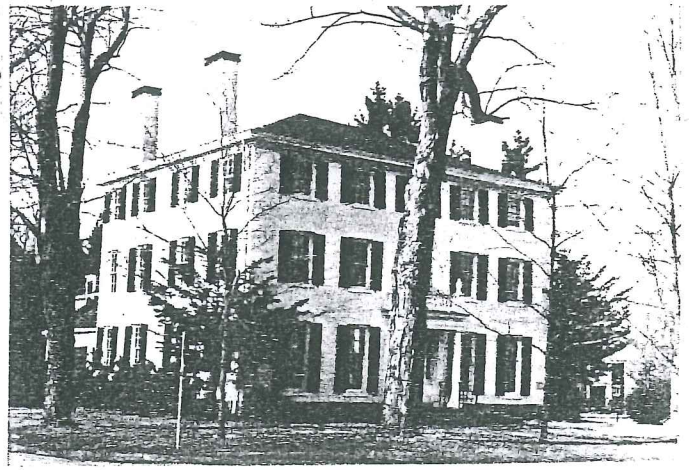
105/40/16/11

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)		JOHN NICHOLS & THEODORE DWIGHT HOUSE		
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY		
	THOMPSON	THOMPSON	WINDHAM		
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			105/40-16	
	16 ROUTE 200 & ROUTE 193 (376 THOMPSON Hill Rd.)				
	4. OWNER(S) VERCELLI, PERER & ANDERSON, JANE M., BOX 433, 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 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	
	Federal			c. 1806	
	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 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: <u>granite ashlar foundation</u>				
	9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street					
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS			
3		45' X 36' (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 type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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 much replacement sash		
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					
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density					
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS					
On Thompson Hill, a well-preserved 19th-century village center.					

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	VIEW NW	NEGATIVE ON FILE E23	
COMPILED BY	NAME Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	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 Colonial Revival entry; flat-roofed Tuscan-columned portico with balustrade, square paneled newel posts with urns. Entry has sidelights with leaded star-and-circle glazing; radial-glazed rectangular transom has cast-lead eagle and floral decorations. Sash recent reproduction: 6-over-9 on first floor, 6-over-6 on second, splayed stone lintels and stone sills.

Cornice: bead molding, dentils, molded cornice. Third floor windows located high under eaves. Side elevations are similar with somewhat simplified window detailing. Rear frame wing. Interiors generally reflect 1930's Colonial Revival alterations.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1806 by John Nichols, 2nd and Theodore Dwight, who lived and operated a store in the building.

Historically, it is significant as a survivor of Thompson Hill's early years as a cross roads trading center. This house stands at the former intersection of the Boston-Hartford Turnpike (completed 1797) and the Providence-Springfield Turnpike (1803). The Nichols family was involved in organizing both turnpike companies. The house later served a number of purposes; in the mid 19th-century it was a tavern operated by Frederick Mills. In the 1930's it was the residence of James Reardon, Agent of the Grosvenor-Dale Company cotton mills in Grosvenordale and North Grosvenordale, who was responsible for the Colonial Revival alterations. Earlier agents had lived in the Agent's Residence adjacent to the 1872 North Grosvenordale Mill. Reardon's choice of this elegant hilltop dwelling illustrates the passing of the mill village ideal of the 19th-century, which emphasized close contact between labor and management in a company controlled setting.

SOURCES

1867 Atlans

Thompson Land Records 4:248, 366 (1806); 5:291 (1811); 14:138 (1837)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET JOHN NICHOLS & THEODORE DWIGHT HOUSE
Item number: _____ Date: _____

19) Architecturally, it is significant as one of Thompson's largest 19th-century houses, and as an example of the Federal style. Despite later alterations, the building's Federal origins can be seen in the delicate cornice detailing, symmetrical facade, and the graded sidze of the window openings (smaller in upper stories).