

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
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105/40/22/A/

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) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> BEE'S NEST ANTIQUES <span style="float: right;">WALDO COMINS HOUSE</span>	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE THOMPSON
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 88 ROUTE 200 (340 THOMPSON HILL RO.) 105/40-22A	
	4. OWNER(S) BOARDMAN, DAVID M. & CATHERINE M., THOMPSON, CT 06277 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Residence/Retail <span style="float: right;">Residence</span>	
DESCRIPTION	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 Greek Revival	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1840	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone 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"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <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 checked="" 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 <span style="float: right;">APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS</span>		
2 1/2 <span style="float: right;">23' x 34'</span>		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>		
<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) <span style="float: right;">WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN</span>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No late 19th-century porch		
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"/> 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.		

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	VIEW NW	NEGATIVE ON FILE G26	
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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)

Three-bay facade, left entry. Paneled door, rectangular sidelights. Entry has paneled pilasters and lintels with paneled corner blocks. Sash generally 6-over-6. Full-width porch has very slender Tuscan columns, plain frieze, molded cornice. House has paneled corner pilasters, molded architrave, plain frieze, molded cornice, partial return. Semi-circular radial-glazed attic window.

Left elevation: porch extends to meet ell. Right elevation: plain. Small parallel rear extension has original entry with glazed transom, connects to small barn/shed.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1840 by Waldo Bates Comins (d. 1877). Comins leased and operated the brick store which makes up the north portion of the Vernon Stiles Inn. (1872 Route 193). He also leased a saddler's shop on Thompson Hill from Noadiah Comins. Historically, it is significant for its association with Comins, typical of the many small businessmen who lived and worked on Thompson Hill during its decades as a busy crossroads settlement.

Architecturally, the Comins house is significant as a good example of the Greek Revival style. The gable-to-street orientation, corner pilasters, prominent frieze, and relatively broad and shallow-pitched gable were intended to suggest the form of a classical Greek temple. The porch is a later addition.

SOURCES

1867 Atlas

Thompson Land Records 17:548 (1844); 12:160 (1831)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_