

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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118/29/15//

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)		DAVID PLUMMER HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY
	THOMPSON		THOMPSON	WINDHAM
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		118/29-15	
	539 ROUTE 193 (1096 THOMPSON RD.)			
	4. OWNER(S)		CHAPMAN, JOHN H. & MARJORIE H., RRI, THOMPSON, CT 06277 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
DESCRIPTION	5. USE (Present)		(Historic) Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Greek Revival		c. 1850	
	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"/> 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		
1 1/2		32' x 23'		
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)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
			IF YES, EXPLAIN	
			Later storm sash, porch	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
Across from a recent subdivision, in an area of Thompson that is still semi-rural.				

(OVER)

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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)

Five-bay facade. Central entry has original heavy paneled door, rectangular sidelights over panels. Paneled entry pilasters and lintel with plain corner blocks. Sash generally old 6-over-6. Wide plain frieze, paneled corner pilasters with molded capitals. Molded cornice shows partial return, central brick chimney.

Right elevation has old small blind bay. Left has lower old parallel ell, altered entry originally similar to front in endwall.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

David Plummer (c. 1786-1868), a farmer, was the longtime occupant and probable builder of this house. Plummer was not a wealthy man; upon his death he left nothing but his farm and a few personal possessions. His estate included such items as a brittania teapot and "one brown cow".

Like many other modest, mid 19th century houses in northeastern Connecticut, this dwelling adds simple Greek Revival detailing to the traditional ridge-parallel-to-street form. Typical Greek Revival features include the sidelighted entry with its paneled pilasters and lintel, the plain frieze, and the paneled corner pilasters. All of these details were intended to recall the columns and entablatures of a classical Greek temple. The Greek Revival style was America's first truly national architectural movement; it was most popular between about 1835 and 1860.

SOURCES

1855 Atlas
1867 Atlas
Thompson Land Records 20:218 (1854)
Thompson Probate Records 3:210 (1868)
Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____