

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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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)	
	BETHANY CHRISTIAN HOMESTEAD	ALBIN AND HIRAM MUNYAN HOUSE
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE
	THOMPSON	THOMPSON
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
	2 TAYLOR ROAD	66 64-66 TAYLOR RD.
	4. OWNER(S)	
	BETHANY CHRISTIAN HOMESTEAD CENTRE, INC., RRI, THOMPSON, CT 06277 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
	Residence Residence	
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	
	Vernacular/Greek Revival	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney 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	
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		
1 1/2		
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
32' x 24'		
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) (Alterations)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN		
Later 19th century 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site		
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		
At the end of a dirt road in an isolated area of southeastern Thompson.		

(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, sash generally 2-over-2. Old heavy paneled wood door is flanked by rectangular sidelights over panels. Wide plain-board entry surround. Wide plain corner pilasters. Molded architrave, plain frieze; molded cornice shows partial return.

Left elevation is plain. To right, lower parallel kitchen wing with open porch on recent square posts.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built in 1847 by farmers Albin D. Munyan and Hiram Munyan II on land purchased from Albin's father, David Munyan (Albin and Hiram were probably first cousins). Albin, born in 1815, died in 1891 at age 75. Hiram married Laura Parsons in 1844; little additional information could be discovered about his life. The two continued to share the property at least until 1867.

Historically, the Munyan house is significant as one of Thompson's better preserved 19th century farmhouses.

Architecturally, it is significant as a good example of the Greek Revival style. The building's corner pilasters, trabeated entry, and formal entablature (architrave, frieze, and cornice) were all intended to suggest the construction and massing of a classical Greek temple. The Greek Revival style was most popular between about 1835 and 1855; this building's simple detailing is consistent with its rather rustic setting (still isolated even in 1986).

SIGNIFICANCE

1855 Atlas
1867 Atlas
Thompson Land Records 17:383 (1847)
Thompson Vital Statistics

SOURCES

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"/> Expiration _____