

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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169/91/18//

| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY | | | |
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| 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

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| 1. BUILDING NAME (Common) | | (Historic) | |
| THOMPSON | | FRANK COMMINS TENEMENT (1) | |
| 2. TOWN CITY | VILLAGE | COUNTY | |
| THOMPSON | NORTH GROSVENORDALE | WINDHAM | |
| 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) | | 167/91-18 | |
| 136 MAIN STREET (51 MAIN ST.) | | | |
| 4. OWNER(S) | | | |
| HASSIN, DAVID A. & DIANE, 19 SCHOFIELD AVE., DUDLEY, MA. 01570 | | <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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

DESCRIPTION

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| 7. STYLE OF BUILDING | | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION | |
| Victorian Vernacular/Second Empire | | c. 1878 | |
| 8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding | <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone porch apron | |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Gable | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street |
| 11. NUMBER OF STORIES | | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS | |
| 1 1/2 | | 34' X 38' | |
| 12. CONDITION (Structural) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated |
| (Exterior) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input checked="" 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 |
| 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES | | IF YES, EXPLAIN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn | <input type="checkbox"/> Shed | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house | <input type="checkbox"/> Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden | Various small sheds & barns, cobblestone wall |
| 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 | | | |
| In and extensive 19th-century mill village. | | | |

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| PHOTO | PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough | | DATE 1986 |
| | VIEW NE | NEGATIVE ON FILE A4 | |
| COMPILED BY | NAME Mark McDonough | | DATE 1986 |
| | ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson | | |
| | ADDRESS | | |

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:



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

Three-bay facade, central entry flanked by bay windows on first floor. Sash generally 2-over-2.

Second floor has four bays, two entries. Two-story flat-roofed porch has turned balusters and posts, molded rail, small jigsawn post brackets, cobble apron. On side elevations, second floor is treated as mansarded attic; gabled roof dormers have applied wooden peak decorations with floral and fleur-de-lis motifs.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This structure was built about 1878 as a tenement house by Frank Commins (aka Comins, Commings, Cummings, etc.), who also built a similar structure at 150 Main Street. The building is historically significant as evidence of North Grosvenordale's early boom years as a mill town. After the completion of the nearby Grosvenor-Dale Company cotton textile mill in 1872, this area of Main Street, the only substantial section of North Grosvenordale not owned outright by the company, became a social and commercial center for mill employees.

Architecturally, this building is significant as a good example of a late 19th-century vernacular structure. The mansard-roof treatment of the second story reflects the popularity of the then-current Second Empire style. The porch, recalls the Victorian Vernacular mode, which stressed the use of wooden ornamentation (made affordable in the 19th-century by improvements in wood-forming technology). The cobblestone wall and porch apron are probably early 20th-century additions.

Thompson Land Records 25:87 (1876); 23:227 (1879)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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| <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"/> Explanation _____ |