

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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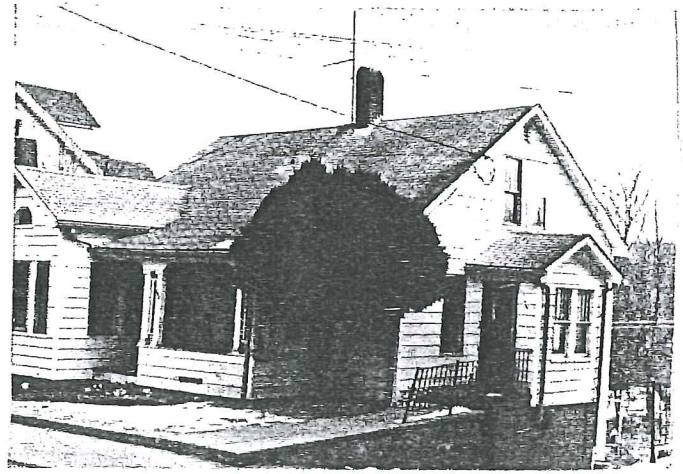
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	IF NR, SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		SAMUEL & MALVINA LaROSE HOUSE		
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON		VILLAGE NORTH GROSVENORDALE	COUNTY WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 148 MAIN STREET (45 MAIN ST.)		169/91-20		
	4. OWNER(S) TOWN OF THOMPSON		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private		
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)		Residence		
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Bungalow		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1935		
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)				
	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____				
	DESCRIPTION	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"/> N/A <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 1 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 30' X 26'			
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)	IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	siding, storm 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"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density					
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS					
One of several early 20th-century houses in this 19th-century mill village.					

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Main portion of house is a simple gabled structure, oriented ridge-parallel-to-street. Sash generally has four vertically oriented panes in the upper sash, one pane in the lower. Small front-facing gabled wing at left-front corner has radial-glazed semi-circular attic window. Small porch at center shelters entry, is formed by extension of main roofline. Wood door has modified border-pane glazing. Porch has paired square posts, plain frieze, shallow round-arched openings.

Right elevation has gabled vestibule with side entry.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1935 by Samuel and Malvina LaRose, who bought the lot, along with the adjacent tenement at 150 Main Street, from Toussaint LaRose.

Historically, it is significant as a survivor from North Grosvenordale's final years as a company town, during which this stretch of Main Street was vibrant economic and social center. Three years after this house was built, the Grosvenor-Dale Company auctioned off the village's company-owned mill housing; in 1942, the company sold off its cotton textile operations.

Architecturally, the LaRose house is significant as a good late example of the Bungalow style. First appearing in California about 1900, the Bungalow grew out of the Arts and Crafts Movement, which stressed a return to hand craftsmanship. Popularized across the United States (in large part through the publication of standardized plans) the Bungalow became one of the most common small house types of the 20th-century. The style was marked mainly by the characteristic porch, formed by an extension of the main roofline (seen here in an abbreviated single-bay form) and by the use of picturesque detailing (seen here in the asymmetrical plan, unusual sash, border-pane door, paired porch posts, and the radial-glazed attic window).

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 43:376 (1935)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____

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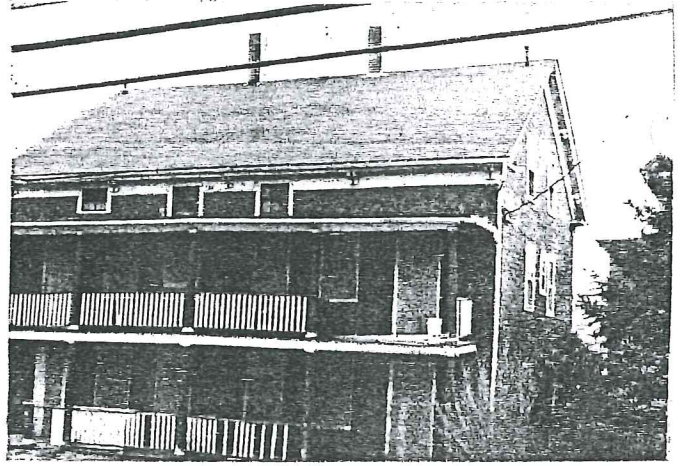
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DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
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IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		LENGUES LaCHANCE TENEMENT		
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY		
	THOMPSON	NORTH GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM		
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		169/91-20		
	150 MAIN STREET (DEMOLISHED - 1987)				
	4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
	TOWN OF THOMPSON				
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)		Residence		
	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		
	Vernacular		c. 1875		
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" 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 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			
2 1/2		42' X 32'			
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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 See #17		
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					
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<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					
In a well-preserved 19th-century mill village.					

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Six-bay facade, entries in one and six. Doors are Victorian with twin rectangular lights over panels with heavy molded surrounds. Sash is 2-over-2. (Both doors and windows have recently been boarded).

Two-story flat-roofed porch has Tuscan-column, molded rail, slat railing. Porch roof has exposed rafters with scalloped ends. Small frieze-band windows above porch roof. Main cornice has plain frieze, paired jigsaw brackets, molded cornice, partial return.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This tenement was built by Lengues LaChance between 1875 and his death in 1881. At the time, Main Street was booming as a privately-owned neighborhood adjacent to the huge holdings of the Grosvenor-Dale Company, which began intensive development of the old Fisherville mill property in 1870 and built the large North Grosvenordale Mill in 1872. Like several other buildings on Main Street, this tenement resembles the nearby company owned housing in scale, but did not receive the benefit of the company's robust construction techniques and careful maintenance.

Historically, it is significant as an artifact of North Grosvenordale's early boom years as a mill town.

Architecturally, the building is significant as a typical example of the sort of working class housing found in mill towns throughout northeastern Connecticut. The rectangular plan, the frieze-band windows, and simple wooden decorative details are all common features; the Tuscan-columned porch is an early 20th-century addition.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 24:219 (1875)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning	<input type="checkbox"/> Explanation _____