

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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17/71A/6//

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)	
THOMPSON		CROSBY TAVERN	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	QUINEBAUG	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		17/71A-6	
718 ROUTE 131 (441 Quinebaug) DEMOLISHED 1989			
4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
BLACKMER, RANDOLPH C. JR. & MYRTIE, C., N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		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. 1800	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimneys 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" 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		43' x 17' (main); 17' x 36' (rear)	
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	
IF YES, EXPLAIN			
Later siding			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
One of several older buildings on this busy stretch of Route 131.			

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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)

Eight-bay facade with uneven spacing. Entries in third and sixth bays. Entry in third bay has heavy paneled wood door with flanking 1-over-1 windows. Entry in sixth bay has small pane door. Cornice has roll molding, plain wooden keyblocks centered above all second floor windows.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This large building was built about 1805 as a Tavern on the Providence-Springfield Turnpike (opened through Thompson in 1803), and operated for many years by the Crosby family (Stephen Crosby also owned the tavern now known as the Vernon Stiles Inn, located at the intersection of the Providence-Springfield and Boston-Hartford turnpikes).

The Crosby family was involved in the company chartered to complete the Providence-Springfield Turnpike; like many modern public works projects, turnpikes were often criticized for taxing the many to benefit the few. The Crosby Tavern is historically significant for its connection with the locally prominent Crosby family, and for its association with the Turnpike, which created Thompson Hill as a viable community and brought what had been a rather isolated rural town into much closer contact with the outside world.

Architecturally, it is much altered by modern siding and later sash. The second floor keyblocks and roll molding suggest a Federal influence.

SOURCES

Bayles, History of Windham County
Thompson Historical Society Papers (Town Assessor's Office)

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"/> Explanation _____