

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

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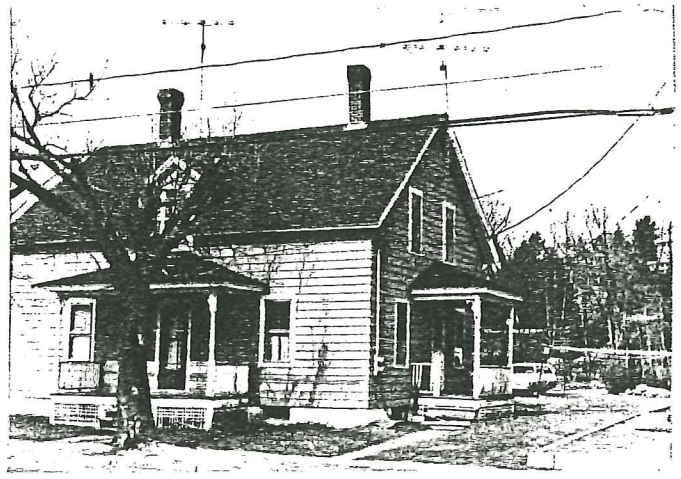
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span>		GROSVENORDALE MILL HOUSING	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	THOMPSON	GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		174/58-2	
	1692 ROUTE 12 (613 RIVERSIDE DR.)			
	4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
LAFORTUNE, LEONIDAS J. & CYNTHIA, 87 MAIN ST., GROSVENORDALE, CT				
DESCRIPTION	5. USE (Present)		(Historic) Residence	
	Residence		Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	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	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Mill Housing		c. 1870	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimneys <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stucco Foundation <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		34' x 28'		
12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>				
<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 See #17		
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 type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density				

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS  
 In a row of very similar houses across from the 1862 Grosvenordale mill.

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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)

Three-bay, central entry and small central gabled wall dormer. Single bay entry porch on turned posts; square balusters, molded rail. Sash 2-over-2. Molded cornice. Twin brick chimneys.

Right elevation has side entry with similar porch. Entry hood on 1662 Route 12 is probably original configuration.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

These simple duplexes were built about 1870 to house workers at the adjacent 1862 Grosvenor Dale Company mill (full operations at the mill were delayed until 1865 due to Civil War disruptions in the cotton market),

Architecturally, they are significant as good examples of 19th century mill housing.

Historically, they are significant both for their connection with the Grosvenor Dale Company, the dominant force in the social, economic, and political life of Thompson for more than seven decades, and as part of a well preserved mill village complex. Many 19th century mill and factory owners, especially those in isolated areas such as Thompson, followed the mill village ideal, concentrating housing, work, recreation, and religious and commercial institutions in a single compact environment, under the shadow of the mill tower and the watchful eye of the Company Agent.

SOURCES

Margolick, Patterns of Change in New England Textile Towns

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known     Highways     Vandalism     Developers     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanation \_\_\_\_\_