

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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3/81/38//

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

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) VFW HALL		(Historic) NEW BOSTON SCHOOL	
2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON		VILLAGE QUINEBAUG	COUNTY WINDHAM
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 285 ROUTE 131 (654 QUINEBAUG RD.)		3/81-38	
4. OWNER(S) TOWN OF THOMPSON		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) Social Hall		(Historic) School	
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/Colonial Revival		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1912	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input 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 Foundation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco		<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:		<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<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 1 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 60' x 30'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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) IF YES, EXPLAIN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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 checked="" 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 the village center of Quinebaug, which is a mixture of 19th and 20th century buildings.

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
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	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION



DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)
	<p>Six-bay facade, paired six pane windows, entries in third and fourth bays under gabled portico on Tuscan columns. Doors have single large lights over panels, three pane glazed transom. Plain corner boards, molded cornice, partial return.</p> <p>Left elevation has side entry with recent wood door, two large window arrays, boarded-up. Two quarter-circle attic windows flank a square panel with carved sunburst. Right elevation similar, but window array exposed with triple oversized 2-over-2 sash. Square cupola with matched boards, plain corner boards, pyramidal roof. Plain cross-gabled rear wing.</p>

SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECTURE	BUILDER
	<p>19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE</p> <p>This structure was built as the District Number Eight (New Boston) School in 1912, and continued to operate as part of Thompson's district school system until a consolidated school was opened in North Grosvenordale in the fall of 1960. Thompson's district schools originated with the true "one room schools" of the early 1700's; then as now, public schools struggled with inadequate budgets, outmoded facilities, erratic instructors, and the tendency of the wealthy to seek out private alternatives.</p> <p>This building is one of several built just after 1900 to house a rapidly expanding school age population. In the early 20th century, district schools housed both primary and grammar school students (the modern equivalent would be grades 1-8). During the system's last years, each district school specialized in two or more grades (a modification made possible by, among other things, motorized school buses). This school contained grades 1-3. After the school was closed, the building was leased to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.</p> <p>Historically, the District Number Eight school is significant as a prominent local educational institution, and as evidence of Thompson's growing commitment to public education after 1900.</p>	

SOURCES	Thompson Annual Reports 1912-1960
	Thompson Land Records 34:283 (1912)

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 _____

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

CONTINUATION SHEET

#19 NEW BOSTON SCHOOL

Item number: _____ Date: _____

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ACTUAL

POTENTIAL

Architecturally, it is a relatively plain building. The carved sunburst panels, quarter circle attic windows, and Tuscan columns are all references to the classically inspired architecture of the pre-Revolutionary period, and show the influence of the Colonial Revival style, just beginning to attain widespread popularity in 1912. The patriotic associations of the style no doubt appealed to the school's builders.