

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

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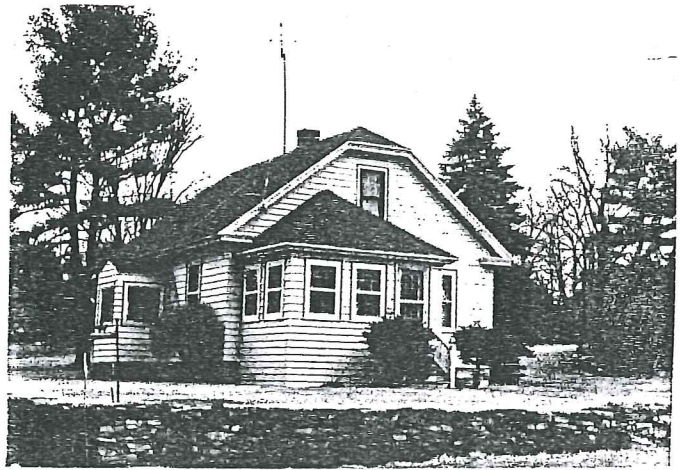
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		DONA J. MESSIER HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	THOMPSON	WEST THOMPSON	WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		48/103-20	
	543 WEST THOMPSON (275 W. THOMPSON RD.)			
	4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	MESSIER, DONA, RR2, PUTNAM, CT 06260			
	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		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION		
Vernacular		c. 1938		
DESCRIPTION	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney <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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Jerkinhead	
(Material)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input checked="" 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		26' x 28'		
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)			
	fieldstone retaining wall			
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site			
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density			
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
Across from the 18th century Methodist Society House.				

(OVER)

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	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION

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

Four-bay facade. Entry is in right bay of three-bay left hip-roofed glassed-in porch. Fourth bay has paired 4-over-1 sash. Most sash is 6-over-1. Wood door with small pane glazing. Raised fieldstone foundation.

Plain frieze; molded cornice shows partial return. Single 6-over-1 attic window; jerkinhead roof. Right elevation has two large and one small windows; all with 6-over-1. Left has side entry in small gabled vestibule.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1938 by Dona J. Messier. It is architecturally significant as an unusually attractive and well preserved early 20th century vernacular house. Like many other houses of the period (most notably those in the Bungalow style) the Messier house features the extensive use of picturesque materials and details (raised fieldstone foundation, varied sash, asymmetrical facade, jerkinhead roof). The popularity of this informal and eclectic ornamentation can be traced back to the English Arts and Crafts movement, which stressed a return to the ideals of hand craftsmanship.

SOURCES

Thompson Assessor's Records
Thompson Land Records 43:453 (1836)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____