

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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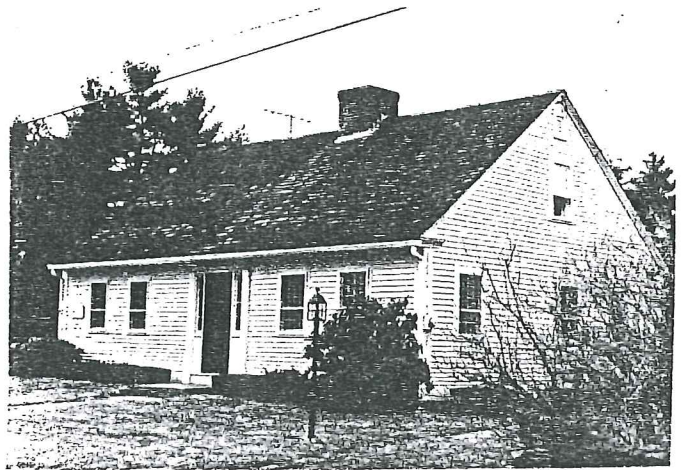
48/104/5/C/

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)		METHODIST SOCIETY HOUSE	
	2. TOWN, CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	THOMPSON	WEST THOMPSON	WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		48/104-5	
	550 WEST THOMPSON ROAD (282 W. THOMPSON RD.)			
	4. OWNER(S)		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
KROLL, PAULA M., RRI, PUTNAM, CT 06260				
DESCRIPTION	5. USE (Present) (Historic)		Methodist Society House	
	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	
	Vernacular			
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 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		38' 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)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
			Considerable recent fabric	
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				
<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"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
Just west of main part of West Thompson, inundated by West Thompson Reservoir.				

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough	DATE 1986
	VIEW NW	NEGATIVE ON FILE K22
COMPILED BY	NAME Mark McDonough	DATE 1986
	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>Five-bay facade, central entry. Paneled wood door flanked by sidelights, fluted pilasters. Sash generally 12-over-9. Plain corner boards; molded cornice shows partial return. Side elevations plain. Central brick chimney. One story cross-gabled rear wing.</p>

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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SIGNIFICANCE	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
	<p>This house was built in 1792 to serve as a parsonage for West Thompson's Methodist Society. The church retained ownership until 1872, when the building was sold to Nelson Gilman. It has recently been restored.</p> <p>The Methodist Church was organized in West Thompson in 1792. Two churches were built, the first (1797) is no longer extant, the second (1840) was moved to Belmont, Massachusetts.</p> <p>Architecturally, the Society House is significant as a good example of 18th century vernacular architecture. Most of the exterior fabric dates to its recent restoration, but the five-bay, central chimney configuration testifies to its early origins.</p> <p>Historically, it is significant for its association with the Methodist Society, and as one of very few surviving buildings associated with the village of West Thompson. The bulk of the village, located just to the east, was destroyed in 1965 to make way for a flood control dam.</p>

SOURCES	1855 Atlas
	1867 Atlas
	Brief Historical Tour
	Thompson Land Records 23:789 (1872)

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 _____