

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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48/104/9/1

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)		ABNER DAVIS 2nd HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	THOMPSON	WEST THOMPSON	WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		48/104-9	
	770 WEST THOMPSON ROAD (396 W. THOMPSON Rd.)			
	4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	RONDEAU, JOHN K. & LISA A., 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		
DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	Vernacular		c. 1845 (see #19)	
	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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input checked="" 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		36' x 27'		
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
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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	
			See #19	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
One of several older dwellings scattered among recent construction.				

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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)

Five-bay facade, central entry. Sash generally 1-over-1. Entry has sidelights, wide plain surround. Wide plain frieze, plain corner pilasters, molded cornice with partial return. Clapboard recent. Single brick chimney offset slightly to right.

Right elevation has c. 1890 porch with turned posts, jigsaw brackets. Lower partial right wing at rear, very plain with old 6-over-6 sash, recent garage addition at right end.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Abner Davis 2nd purchased this building from Otis Perrin in 1838. The building owes its current appearance to Greek Revival alterations performed by Davis and to recent renovations. An 18th century date has been claimed for the house; in view of the central chimney and the location of the windows just under the eaves, this is not at all improbable. Otis Perrin made something of a business out of buying and selling farm properties; his complex land transactions make the building's earlier history difficult to trace.

Architecturally the Abner Davis House is significant as a good example of a simple vernacular house with Greek Revival detailing. The trabeated entry, prominent frieze, and the corner pilasters are all intended to recall the construction of a classical Greek temple.

Historically, it is significant as one of only a few older buildings surviving in the West Thompson area. The core of the village was destroyed in 1965 by a flood-control dam.

1855 Atlas
1867 Atlas
Thompson Land Records 15:7 (1838)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____