

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**  
**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**  
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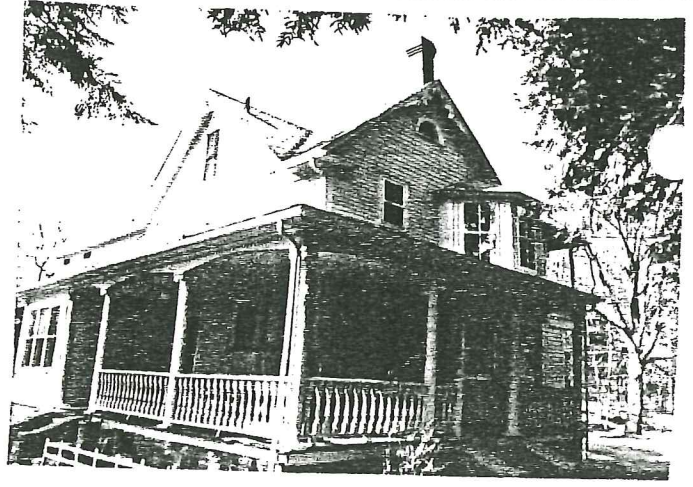
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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY                                    |  |
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| Town No.:  | Site No.:  |
| UTM  | QUAD:  |
| DISTRICT   | IF NR. SPECIFY   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR | <input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential |

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| IDENTIFICATION                                       | 1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)  |   | JOSEPH LABBE HOUSE   |  |
|  | 2. TOWN CITY  | VILLAGE   | COUNTY   |  |
|  | THOMPSON  | QUINEBAUG   | WINDHAM  |  |
|  | 3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)  |   | 59/88 - 13   |  |
|  | 1575 ROUTE 131 & ROUTE 12 (4 QUINEBAUG RD.)   |   |  |  |
|  | 4. OWNER(S)   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private                    |  |
|  | MYERS, DENNIS G. & LEE F.   |   |  |  |
|  | 5. USE (Present) (Historic)   |   | Residence Residence  |  |
|  | 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:   |   | EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE 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   |  |
|  | Victorian Vernacular  |   | c. 1891  |  |
|  | 8. MATERIALS: (Indicate use or location when appropriate)   |   |  |  |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard   | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street |  |
| 11. NUMBER OF STORIES                                |   | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS                            |  |  |
| 2 1/2  |   | 20' x 48'   |  |  |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Some late sash             |  |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site                      |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial       | <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural                    | <input type="checkbox"/> High building density   |  |

One of several older houses scattered along Route 131 north of North Grosvenordale.

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| PHOTO       | PHOTOGRAPHER<br>Mark McDonough                |                         | DATE<br>1986 |
|             | VIEW<br>W                                     | NEGATIVE ON FILE<br>E35 |              |
| COMPILED BY | NAME<br>Mark McDonough                        |                         | DATE<br>1986 |
|             | ORGANIZATION<br>Town of Thompson, Connecticut |                         |              |
|             | ADDRESS                                       |                         |              |



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Three bay facade, left entry. Wood door has single large elliptical light. Second bay has two story bay window. Sash generally 2-over-1, most windows have simple molded caps. Plain corner boards. Molded cornice shows partial return.

Semi-circular attic window. Elaborately scrolled panels in peak suggest vergeboard. One story porch on slender smooth Ionic columns wraps across left elevation. Porch has molded rail, turned balusters, shallow round arched openings in plain frieze, denticular molded cornice. Left elevation has gabled wall dormer with scroll-cut peak panels. Right has shallow cross gabled wing with similar detail.

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| 18 ARCHITECT | BUILDER |
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1891 by Joseph Labbe (also seen as L'abbe and Labby), a carpenter born in 1866 in Canada. Labbe married Helene Boule in 1891, he died in 1928 at the age of 62.

The Labbe house is architecturally and historically significant as a well preserved and ornate dwelling in the Victorian Vernacular mode. Victorian Vernacular buildings feature extravagant wooden ornamentation, made affordable by 19th century improvements in mechanized wood forming tools. This decoration is seen here in such features as the gable panels, Ionic porch columns, and turned balusters.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 27:501 (1891)  
Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

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

Renewal     Private     Deterioration     Zoning     Explanaton \_\_\_\_\_