

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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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) CHARLES C. CARPENTER HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE GROSVENORDALE
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 146 BLAIN ROAD <i>54 Blain Rd.</i>	
	4. OWNER(S) NELSON, RUSSELL M. & HEDVIG, RR 1, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic) Residence Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Greek Revival	
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"/> Chimneys <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: Foundation facing (granite)	
	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 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
1 1/2 30' x 22'		
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 Modern storm sash, front porch removed		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Fieldstone retaining wall front		
<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		
Just up the hill from the 1862 Grosvenordale mill. Three 19th century houses are found in this mostly 20th century neighborhood.		

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PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
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	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		
16 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION			



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

Five-bay facade, central entry. Sash generally 2-over-2. Wood door c. 1920 with modified border pane glazing. Plain corner pilasters. Plain frieze with central molding. Molded cornice shows partial return.

Lower one-and-one-half-story right ell with similar detailing, side entry. Right elevation has small shed roofed porch on turned posts.

16 SUBJECT ILLUSTRATION (Continued)

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Little could be discovered about Charles C. Carpenter, who built this house about 1847, when he married Mary Aldrich, and lived in it until he sold it to Seth F. Draper in 1858. Historically, it is significant as one of several older houses found among the later mill houses in the Grosvenordale area (most built after the opening of the large Grosvenor Dale Company cotton mill (now known as the BCI Mill) in 1864.

Architecturally, it is significant as a good, simple example of the Greek Revival style. The Carpenter house represents one of northeastern Connecticut's most popular 19th century buildings types: a small ridge parallel house with a plain wooden frieze and pilasters suggesting the detailing of a classical Greek temple.

1855 Atlas
Thompson Land Records 21:41 (1858)

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____