

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

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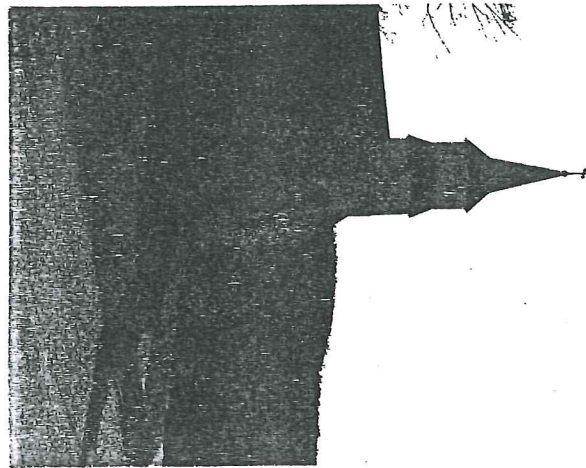
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		
	SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH		
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	
	THOMPSON	WEST THOMPSON	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		
	87 WEST THOMPSON ROAD (47-49 W. THOMPSON RO.)		
	4. OWNER(S)		
	SACRED HEART CHURCH, RR 2, PUTNAM, CT 06260 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)		
	Church Church		
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	IF YES, EXPLAIN: During services		
	DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	
		Gothic Revival	
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION			
1900			
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foundation 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Cannot be determined			
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 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			
3			
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS			
32' x 65'			
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) (Alterations)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> WHEN? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN: Detail obscured by later siding			
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) Rectory, large earth and stone dam			
<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 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 south of the West Thompson Dam, at site of West Thompson village.			

(OVER)

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	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		



28 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Three-bay facade, central entry with double heavy paneled wood doors. Pointed arched stained glass windows to left and right of entry. Cornerstone to right of entry with "1900" in carved letters.

Square tower supports short octagonal spire with gold cross. Left elevation has five pointed arched stained glass windows, two side entries. First is in center of elevation in small gabled vestibule with stained glass border pane windows; rear entry under simple molded hood. Right elevation is similar, with one simple entry.

Contemporaneous rectory to rear is highly altered (modern siding), retains gable bracing with turned circular bosses.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church was built in 1900, apparently on the site of an earlier smaller building erected in 1881. At the time, the church stood on the eastern fringe of the village of West Thompson. This small mill and farm settlement was destroyed in part by the flood of 1955. Nearly all of what remained was condemned by the Army Corps of Engineers in the 1960s to make way for a flood control dam.

Historically, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church is significant as a longtime community institution, and as one of few surviving structures from the village of West Thompson.

Architecturally, it is significant as an example of the Gothic Revival. Originally popularized in America as a picturesque domestic style in the 1840s and 50s, the Gothic Revival underwent a second wave of popularity in the late 19th century as an ecclesiastical style. The steep gabled roof and extensive use of pointed arched forms seen here are typical of the style.

SOURCES

Thompson Assessor's Records
Thompson Land Records 25:284 (1881)

THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____