

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

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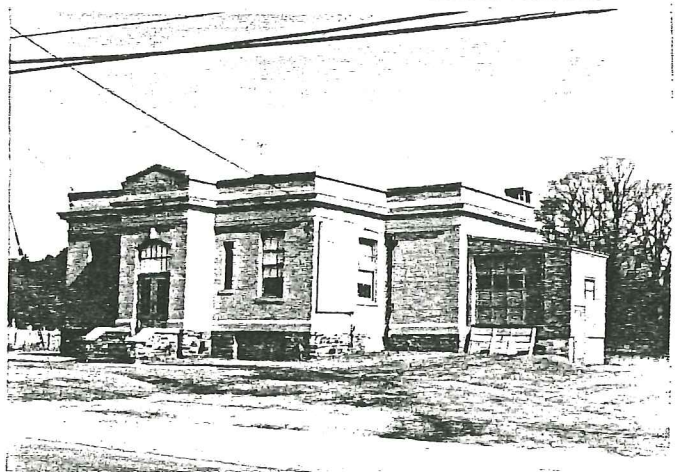
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) <i>(Historic)</i>		CENTECH METAL PRODUCTS		MECHANICSVILLE SCHOOL	
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE		COUNTY	
	THOMPSON		MECHANICSVILLE		WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)					
	2386 ROUTE 12		(227 RIVERSIDE DR.)		67/52-4	
	4. OWNER(S)					
	OLEKSIAK, JOSEPH & LEAH A., RRI, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255				<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) <i>(Historic)</i>					
	Metals Manufacturing			SCHOOL		
	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				
7. STYLE OF BUILDING					DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Neoclassical/Vernacular					c. 1920	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard		<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Cast stone
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone		raised 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 type="checkbox"/> Post and beam		<input type="checkbox"/> balloon		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry				<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____						
10. ROOF (Type)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable		<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle		<input type="checkbox"/> Built up		<input type="checkbox"/> Tile		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Not visible <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS				
1		41' x 38'				
12. CONDITION (Structural) <i>(Exterior)</i>						
<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) IF YES, EXPLAIN						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Loading dock added to west elevation
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 checked="" 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 east of the 19th century mill village of Mechanicsville.						

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	VIEW NW	NEGATIVE ON FILE F19	
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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)

Three-part facade; projecting central entry pavillion. Brick walls laid up in common bond. Segmental arched entry has glazed transom, double wood doors with small panes, soldier course voussoir, cast stone impost blocks. To left and right, narrow windows with 2-over-2 sash, then large windows with 6-over-6. All windows flat arched with cast stone sills, soldier course lintels.

Molded architrave, plain frieze, molded cornice with dentils; cast stone frieze has cut letters over entry reading "Mechanicsville School". Brick parapet with cast stone coping (gabled over entry). Side elevation have projecting blind bays at rear; right has added loading dock. Left has side entry protected by simple hood.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This school was built in 1920 to replace an earlier Mechanicsville district school. The district school system served Thompson from the middle of the 18th century until operations were consolidated in North Grosvenordale in 1960.

Historically, this building is significant as a longtime community institution, and as part of a collection of older buildings associated with the woolen and cotton mill settlement of Mechanicsville (the mills themselves were destroyed by the flood of 1955).

Architecturally, the Mechanicsville School is significant as a good example of a building with Neo classical detailing. Most popular between about 1895 and 1950, the Neoclassical style is marked by the use of classically inspired detailing (seen here in the formal entablature and dentils), by symmetrical massing, and by a characteristic central entry porch or pavillion (present here in simplified form).

SOURCES

Thompson Annual Report 1919, p.59.

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"/> Explanatlon _____