

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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67/53/7//

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

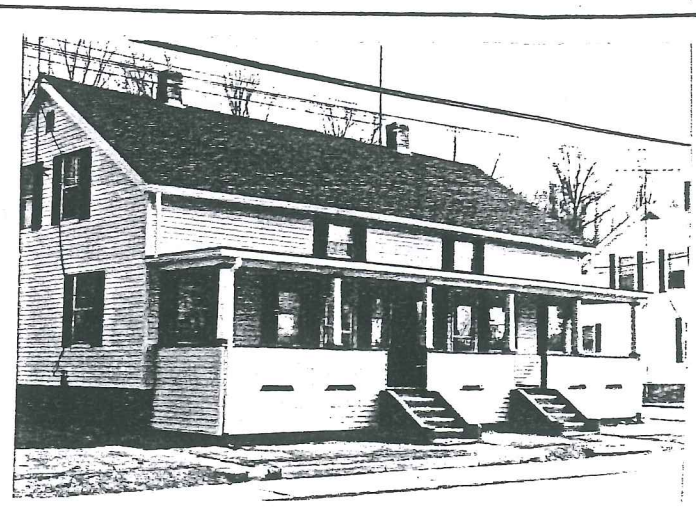
IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
THOMPSON		MECHANICSVILLE MILL HOUSING - TYPE A	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	MECHANICSVILLE	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		57/53-7	
2608 ROUTE 12		(105 RIVERSIDE DR.)	
4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
LEO, SAMUEL J., RR #2, Thompson, CT 06277			
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	
Mill Housing		c. 1875	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimneys 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
1 1/2		46' x 26'	
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 See #17
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 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			
In a row of very similar mill houses.			

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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)

Two sub-types: six-bay facade, entries in second and fifth bays; eight-bay facade, entries in third and sixth bays. Sash mixed, generally 2-over-1 and 1-over-1. Two small frieze band windows above entries with 3-over-3 sash.

Original configuration probably featured simple flat molded entry caps; some examples now have one story porches of later vintage. Twin brick chimneys. Most common alterations include missing entry hoods, some new fenestration. Those with more significant variations have been singled out for separate treatment.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

These simple duplexes are part of a collection of standard plan mill houses built to house workers at the Mechanicsville Mills, traded hands many times in the 19th and 20th century before they were destroyed in the flood of 1955.

The establishment of woolen mills in Mechanicsville dates to 1827, when a number of local residents associated as The Mechanics Company bought the mill privilege and erected a woolen mill, a saw mill, and an eight tenement block. The company quickly failed and the original mill burned in 1843. Later owners of the privilege included Smith Wilkinson and members of the Sayles, Ross, Harris, and Sabin families. It is possible that these houses were built by Thomas D. Sayles and B. S. Washburn, who took over the property in 1879.

Architecturally, these houses are significant as good examples of 19th century mill housing. Historically, they are significant for their connection with the Mechanicsville mills, and as part of a partial mill village complex including the Cascades Hotel, the Mechanicsville Store and Post Office, and a variety of nearby mill housing. Despite the destruction of the mills themselves, these closely spaced and uniform structures illustrate the mill

SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

Bagnall, Contributions to American Economic History
 Margolick, Patterns of Change in New England Textile Villages
 Van Slyck, Representatives of New England Manufacturers

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanatlon _____

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QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL POTENTIAL

CONTINUATION SHEET #19 MECHANICSVILLE MILL HOUSING
 Item number: _____ Date: _____

village ideal, which emphasized bringing work, housing, religious and retail facilities, and recreation together in a single, easily supervised environment.