

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

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77/46/1/A

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.: _____ Site No.: _____

UTM: _____

QUAD: _____

DISTRICT: S NR IF NR, SPECIFY Actual Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)		JESSIE F. CONVERSE HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY THOMPSON	VILLAGE WILSONVILLE	COUNTY WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 748 WILSONVILLE ROAD <i>(122 WILSONVILLE Rd.)</i>		77/46-1A	
	4. OWNER(S) SEIFI, ABBAS & KATHLEEN, RR#1, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255		<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)		Residence	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Greek Revival		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1855	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone Foundation (granite facing) <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) _____				
DESCRIPTION	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 1 1/2		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 34' x 24' (main part)	
	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, porches
	14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
One of several 19th century houses along this area of Wilsonville Road.				

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	NAME	DATE
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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)

Five-bay facade; central entry. Sash 6-over-6 on first, small 3-over-3 frieze band windows. Entry has paneled pilasters, sidelights, paneled lintel and corner blocks. Old heavy paneled wood door. Wide corner pilasters with molded caps.

Wide plain frieze, molded cornice shows partial return. Single chimney offset left. Right elevation has lower one-and-one-half-story parallel wing with added glassed-in porch. Left elevation: later framed-in porch.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1855 by Jessie Franklin Converse (1816-1902), a blacksmith born in Pomfret, Connecticut. Converse married three times, to Mercy Prince (d. 1872) in 1837, to Caroline Joslin (d. 1890) in 1873, and to Mrs. Betsey Clemens (d. 1904) in 1891.

Historically, this house is significant as one of several older houses scattered along Wilsonville Road.

Architecturally, it is significant as a good example of the Greek Revival style. Like many other simple Greek Revival houses in northeastern Connecticut, the Converse House is a simple ridge-parallel design. Greek Revival features are confined to the trabeated entry and frieze band windows.

SOURCES

1855 Atlas
1867 Atlas
Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

<input 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"/> Explanation