

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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77/62/6111

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

DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
CHARLES W. WEBSTER HOUSE			
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	WILSONVILLE	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		77/62-61	
857 WILSONVILLE ROAD (65-69 WILSONVILLE RD)			
4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
APLEY, GARY A. & ANDREA J., RR #1, NO. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255			
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		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Greek Revival		c. 1845	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney 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 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		28' x 26'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)	
<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)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Later storm sash, porch, left wing.	
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			

One of several Greek Revival houses in the 19th century village center of Wilsonville.

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	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		



SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:			
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DESCRIPTION	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)		
	<p>Five-bay facade, central entry, sash generally 2-over-2. Entry has paneled pilasters and lintel with paneled rectangular corner blocks. Door has twin round-arched lights cover rectangular panels. Narrow corner pilasters.</p> <p>Molded architrave, plain frieze; molded cornice shows partial return. Left elevation has small flat-roofed 20th century addition. Right has old lower parallel wing with modern framed-in porch.</p>		

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE	<p>Charles W. Webster, a carpenter (the modern equivalent would be builder) was a longtime and early occupant of this house. Webster was born in Dudley, Massachusetts in 1844, married Mary M. Dankerly in 1864, and died in 1916. He apparently moved into this house shortly after his marriage, but vague property descriptions in early land records make the exact date difficult to ascertain.</p>
	<p>The Charles W. Webster house is historically significant as part of a modest assemblage of 19th century buildings surrounding the former woolen mill and farming settlement of Wilsonville (the mill itself is located just to the west).</p>
	<p>Architecturally, the Webster house is significant as a good example of a simple Greek Revival dwelling. The Greek Revival, most popular between about 1835 and 1855, was the first truly national architectural movement in America. Like many others in northeastern Connecticut, this building features simple Greek Revival detailing applied to a modest one-and-one-half-story ridge-parallel-to-street house. The corner pilasters, plain frieze, and molded cornice are intended to recall the columns and formal entablature of a classical Greek temple.</p>

Thompson Land Records 25:534 (1881).	
Thompson Vital Statistics	

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"/> Explanation _____	