

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

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.: _____ Site No.: _____

UTM: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

QUAD: _____

DISTRICT: S NR Actual Potential

IF NR, SPECIFY: _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) _____ (Historic) **DYER UPHAM HOUSE**

2. TOWN CITY: **THOMPSON** VILLAGE: **WILSONVILLE** COUNTY: **WINDHAM**

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): **976 WILSONVILLE ROAD** (12 WILSONVILLE RD.)

4. OWNER(S): **BARRETT, DANIEL, L. & CHARLOTTE R. RR#1, N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255** 77/63-3

5. USE (Present): **Residence** (Historic) **Residence** Public Private

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD: Yes No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE: Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN _____

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: **Greek Revival** DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: **c. 1850**

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

Clapboard Asbestos Siding Brick Other (Specify) _____

Wood Shingle Asphalt Siding Fieldstone Foundation

Board & Batten Stucco Chimneys Cobblestone

Aluminum Siding Concrete Type: _____ Cut stone Type: _____

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Wood frame Post and beam balloon

Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel

Other (Specify) _____

10. ROOF (Type)

Gable Flat Mansard Monitor sawtooth

Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other (Specify) _____

(Material)

Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate Gable end to the street

Asphalt shingle Built up Tile Other (Specify) _____ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: **1 1/2** APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: **32' X 22" (main part)**

12. CONDITION (Structural) Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated (Exterior) Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) On original site Moved WHEN? _____ (Alterations) Yes No IF YES, EXPLAIN: **modern windows, later porch**

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

Barn Shed Garage Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) **Greenhouse**

Carriage house Shop Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

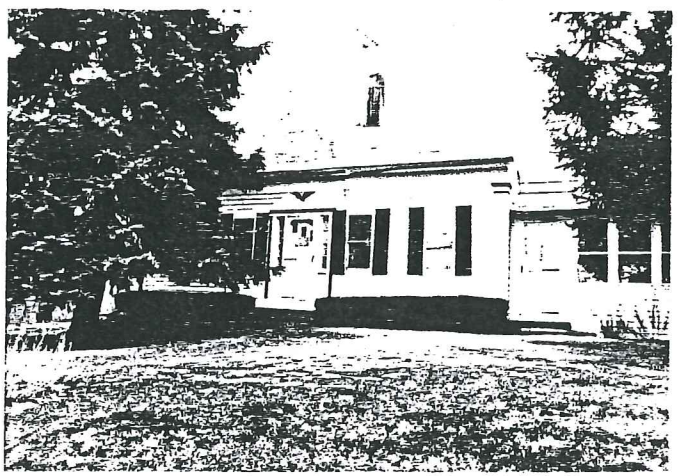
Open land Wood-land Residential Scattered buildings visible from site

Commercial Industrial Rural High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Just east of the Wilsonville mill.

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Five-bay main wing with central entry. C. 1850 wood door flanked by sidelights over panels. Plain corner pilasters with molded capitals, plain frieze, molded cornice shows partial return.

Central stucco chimney. Lower parallel right wing with 20th-century framed-in porch.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1850 by Dyer Upham. Upham, born in Killingly, married to Esther A. Upham, also of Killingly. A longtime Wilsonville resident, Upham operated a store a few yards to the west of this house in the 1850's. A son, Dyer A. Upham, lived in a nearby house at 958 Wilsonville Road.

Historically, the Upham House is significant as part of a well-preserved assemblage of 19th-century dwellings in this former woolen-mill settlement.

Architecturally, the Upham House is significant as a good simple example of the Greek Revival style. Like many other small Greek Revival houses in northeastern Connecticut, it makes no attempt to suggest the gable-front massing of the classical Greek temple. Instead, it applies simple classical detailing (notably the corner pilasters, frieze, and cornice) to a plain, ridge-parallel-to-street dwelling.

1855 Atlas
1867 Atlas

SOURCES

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____