

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

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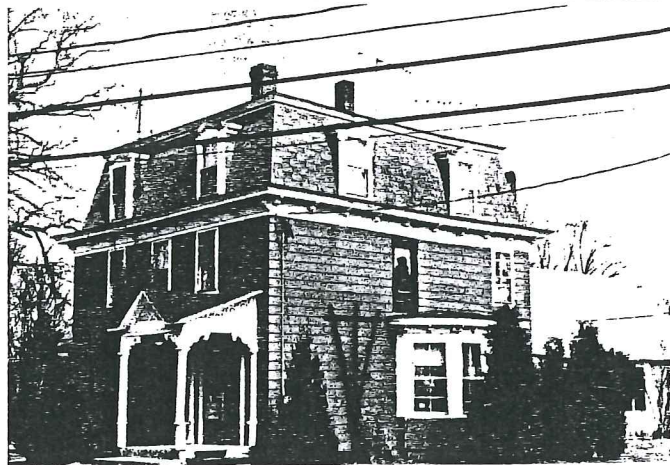
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Town No.:		Site No.:	
UTM	:	:	:
QUAD:	:	:	:
DISTRICT		IF NR. SPECIFY	
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
			DYER A. UPHAM HOUSE	
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	THOMPSON	WILSONVILLE	WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		77/63-4	
	958 WILSONVILLE ROAD (24 WILSONVILLE RD.)			
	4. OWNER(S)		RR #1,	
	WETHERBEE, EDGAR, JR. & MARGUERITE J.		NORTH GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255	
	5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
	Residence		Residence	
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		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	
	Second Empire		c. 1875	
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimneys <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <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 type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input checked="" 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) Asb. shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2		29' X 30'		
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 type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
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 siding		
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> High building density				
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS				
Just east of the Wilsonville mill.				

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	VIEW NW	NEGATIVE ON FILE F15	
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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-bay facade. Right entry has double paneled wood doors with round-arched lights. Gable-on-shed entry portico on square chamfered Italianate posts with elaborately scrolled jigsawn brackets. Porch valances and gable end have applied jigsawn scroll designs. Sash generally 2-over-2, molded window surrounds. Mansard roof has molded architrave, plain frieze, molded cornice on small jigsawn brackets with incised scrolls.

Twin gabled roof dormers with molded cornice on small jigsawn consoles. Right elevation has bay window with spiral-cut molded surrounds, molded cornice with brackets. Large one-and-one-half-story gabled rear wing.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1875 by Dyer A. Upham (1824-1907), a farmer of modest but ample means. Upham was the son of Dyer Upham, who lived just to the northwest at 976 Wilsonville Road and operated a store for a time in Wilsonville, and Ester A. Upham. Upon his death, Dyer A. Upham left an estate of roughly \$12,000, including this house, a good deal of farm equipment, two carriages, an express wagon, and a wolf robe.

Architecturally, the Upham House is significant as one of Thompson's best examples of the Second Empire style. The Second Empire style, briefly but furiously popular in the 1870's, was based on contemporaneous French architecture. The style's hallmark, the dormered mansard roof, is present here; the extravagant wooden decoration is typical of a wide range of Victorian architecture.

SOURCES

1855 Atlas
1867 Atlas
Thompson Land Records 22:177 (1865)
Thompson Probate Records 11:426 (1907)
Thompson Vital Statistics

Dyer A. Upham
Selbstman

1873

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"/> Explanation