

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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83/57/611

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

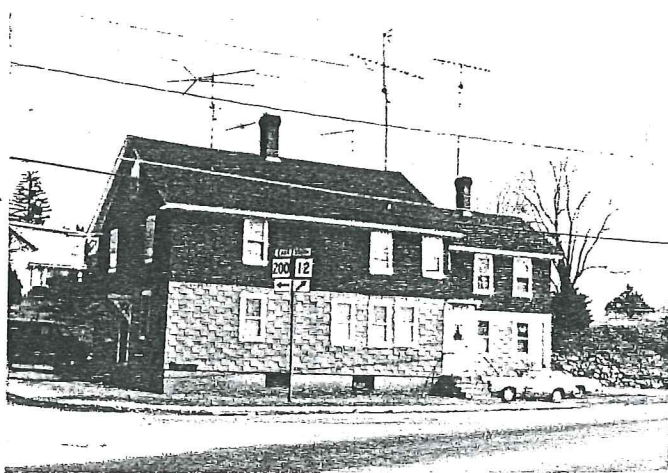
DESCRIPTION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)		
GROSVENORDALE MILL HOUSING			
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	83/57-6		
739 ROUTE 200 & ROUTE 12	(1 THOMPSON Hill Rd.)		
4. OWNER(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
ROBBINS, ROBERT M., RRI, THOMPSON, CT 06277			
5. USE (Present)	(Historic)		
Residence	Residence (mill housing)		
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		
Vernacular	c. 1865		
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):			
<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete Foundation <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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
2 1/2	26' X 34'		
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	later siding
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density			
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
Just southeast of Grosvenordale mill (1862) in an area with considerable 19th-century mill housing.			

(OVER)

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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)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Three-bay facade, central entry (blind bay above entry). Paneled wood door with twin lights. Entry hood with molded cornice on large jigsawn braces. Old 6-over-6 sash; windows have molded surrounds. Molded cornice, partial return.

Right elevation has original entry with glazed transom in small shed-roofed vestibule. Lower parallel rear extension.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

This modest structure was built about 1865 by the Grosvenor-Dale Company to house workers at its 1862 Grosvenordale cotton mill, located directly across Route 12. The Grosvenordale mill along with its larger twin in North Grosvenordale (1872) transformed Thompson from a collection of small mill villages into one of the leading cotton textile producers in northeastern Connecticut. In 1938, this building was auctioned off along with the bulk of the corporation's company-owned dwellings. The rows of functional housing still gathered around the Grosvenordale mill illustrate the 19th-century ideal of the mill village: a company-owned and company controlled environment combining work, worship, recreation, and social life within the shadow of the mill's bell tower. The molded window surrounds and simple entry hood are typical of the minimal detailing found in housing of this type.

SOURCES

Bayles, History of Windham County

Thompson Land Records 47:503 (1838)

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