

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

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
 CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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87/38/17/B/

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)	
THOMPSON		GEORGE P. NICHOLS FARM	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
THOMPSON	THOMPSON	WINDHAM	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)			
2461 ROUTE 193		(42 THOMPSON RD.)	
4. OWNER(S)		87/38-17B	
DAVIS, BERNARD, BOX 8A, THOMPSON, CT 06277		<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:			
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD		INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
IF YES, EXPLAIN			

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Greek Revival		c. 1850	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<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		25' X 30' (main); 40' X 20' (ell)	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Exterior)		<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN?	(Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	GLASSED-IN PORCH, LATER SASH
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
Recent picket fence attached to old granite posts, fieldstone footing			
<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			
Overlook old Congregational Cemetery, some distance southwest of Thompson Hill village center.			

(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)

Three-bay facade, left entry, sash generally 6-over-6. Paneled wood door flanked by rectangular sidelights. Wide paneled entry pilasters. One-story full-width porch has square chamfered Italianate posts, plain frieze, molded cornice. Wide paneled corner pilasters, molded cornice with full return.

Right elevation has bay window with molded cornice on scroll-cut brackets. Left has large one-and-one-half story ell. Recessed porch on paneled columns is now glassed in.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was built about 1850 by Thompson native George P. Nichols (1795-1877), a wealthy farmer and landowner. After his death, the house remained in the Nichols family until 1941.

Architecturally, it is significant as a large and relatively well-preserved example of the Greek Revival, one of the most popular styles of the 19th-century. Typical Greek Revival features seen here include the gable-to-street orientation, corner pilasters, and pedimented peak, all intended to suggest the construction and massing of the classical Greek temple. The Italianate porch and the bay window are typical of a wide variety of mid-century dwellings.

SOURCES

Thompson Land Records 26:41 (1878)
 Thompson Probate Records 5:342 (1877)
 Thompson Vital Statistics

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanation _____