



**Thompson
Historical
Society**

Thompson Historical Society, Inc.
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Thompson, CT 06277

Historic Record of Property and Places in Thompson, CT

Property Address: 2 Chase Road

Parcel No.: 105/ 38/ 4/ /

Historical Property Name (if applicable): Old Town Hall

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DESCRIPTION/DETAILS



NUTMEG NOTES

By JAMES SALI

Thompson's old Town Hall, off Route 200 in Thompson Hill, has stood silent, cold, and useless for almost two years since it was ordered closed by the State Fire Marshal. This action was taken because of the many health and safety hazards which exist in the building.

Present and past Selectmen have been faced with the problem of deciding whether to restore the once venerable old building or requesting permission from townspeople to sell it at a future town meeting.

Conservative estimates place restoration of the old meeting house between \$12,000 and \$15,000, a lot of money to spend these days on a building which obviously has outlived its usefulness. This kind of money could better be spent for library or educational facilities and improvements, I think.

All civic and municipal functions are carried on in more convenient and more spacious Town buildings now.

First Selectman George F. Bates, Sr., has said on many occasions that "to spend that kind of money on a building which serves no useful purpose would be a waste of the taxpayers dollars."

It has no heat, old wood-burning hot air furnaces have been rusted by spring flooding in the basement, no water, or sanitary facilities. The plot of land that goes with the building extends out only about three feet from the foundation and parking facilities are practically non-existent, since the building sits only 20 feet from the road.

Contrary to a widely held local belief, though, the building can be classified as "historical" since it was built in 1842. While going through some old town meeting minutes recently with Town Clerk Merrill L. Seney, we discovered that on October 4, 1841, at a town meeting, a committee was appointed by the townspeople to see if they would repair their old Town House. To hear the report of this early day building committee, a special town meeting was held on December 13 of the same year.

But, after hearing this report, the townspeople decided in-

stead to build a new Town Hall. They were told that (hold your hats or adjust your reading glasses), the repairs to the old Town House which included a new plastering job, installing new seats, a new stairway, and re-shingling of the roof couldn't be done for less than \$125.00. So, shucks, they must've figured for that kind of money let's build a whole new Town House. Who can build you just a stairway for that amount today?

Well anyway, two weeks later on December 27, 1841 to be exact, land was acquired from Royal S. Watson and William H. Mason for the purpose of constructing a new Town House. And build they did for less than a year later Thompson residents held their first meeting in their new meeting place.

Major alterations were made in 1875 when various Town offices were partitioned off and installed along one of the walls.

Later, these offices were abandoned when the Hall became too small to contain all town offices and it since has remained a wide open hall.

Since then all the town's everyday business has been conducted from the Town Office Building in N. Grosvenordale.

The last time the Town Hall was used for a town meeting was ten years ago on October 3, 1955. The last official town function there was held on February 1, 1964 when townspeople voted on the school referendum for the addition to the Thompson Memorial School.

District No. 1 voters now vote in the Thompson Hill Fire House. The Quinntisset Grange No. 65, which once held its meetings there regularly, now meets in the Thompson Congregational Church Hall.

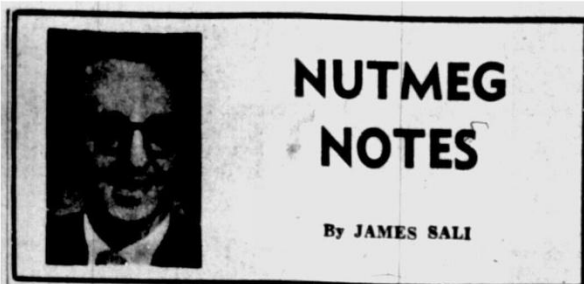
Voters have twice nixed articles at town meetings which would have turned this building over to the Grange for a token sum.

Such town meetings have tended to spark controversy with some people saying that Town Halls are not for giving away and others arguing that \$15,000 is too much to spend on a building which now serves no practical purpose.

Needless to say, its present poor condition is due primarily to its being neglected for so long after town headquarters were shifted, and lack of use.

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Webster Times, page 21, 11/11/1965



NUTMEG NOTES

By JAMES SALI

Various groups and individuals have, from time to time, sought status of two vacant, abandoned town-owned buildings, the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wilsonville and the old Town Hall on Thompson Hill.

The Little Red Schoolhouse was turned over to the town by the Board of Education in 1960, when the Thompson Memorial School was completed.

A year or so later, Selectmen deeded the property to the St. Joseph parish, which planned to turn the old school into a mission chapel for the people in Wilsonville. However, plans never materialized and the parish deeded the property back to the town.

The old Town Hall has not been used for about four years, since it was ordered closed by the fire marshal due to its unsafe condition.

Other school properties that were turned over by the School Board in 1960 were sold by competitive bids by the Selectmen. They were the N. Grosvenordale, Mechanicsville, and West Thompson school buildings.

The Selectmen were given the authority to dispose of these properties at a town meeting.

The old Cluett-Peabody gym was sold for one dollar to St. Joseph's Church and Thompson Hill school was sold to the Masons for one dollar, also auctioned at town meeting.

Webster Times, Page 23, 3/27/1968

Town Meeting Monday

THOMPSON - Selectmen will request appropriations totalling \$6,000 at the Annual Town Meeting Monday at 8 p.m. in the Thompson Memorial School gymnasium.

Spending requests call for a sander, \$1,800; \$1,200 for a snowplow, and \$3,000 to remove the sand pile from the side of the town office building to behind it.

Voters will also be asked whether or not they want to sell the old Town Hall on Route 200 to the Thompson Historical Society for \$1.

Historical Society officials have said they would convert the condemned building into a museum.

Webster Times, Page 9, 10/2/1968

On Route 200

Old Town Hall Given To Historical Society

THOMPSON - Voters agreed to convey the old Town Hall located on Route 200 to the Thompson Historical Society for the sum of one dollar at the annual Town Meeting on Monday, but turned thumbs down on an ordinance that would have prohibited the outdoor burning of trash.

The abandoned Town Hall will revert back to the town if the Historical Society should cease to exist.

Webster Times, Page 10, 10/9/1968

Antique show to benefit town hall restoration

THOMPSON, Conn. — The Thompson Historical Society will be holding its first annual Antique Show in the Congregational Church on the Thompson Green on Friday, July 30 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All funds earned will be for the restoration of the Old Town Hall on the Green which was built in 1842. There will be free parking and babysitting service will be available. Special dinners and luncheons will be served in the Vernon Stiles Inn and at the show. Thompson itself is a very historical site, incorporated as a town in 1785. Many examples of early architecture can be seen

preserved in dwellings and public buildings of Thompson including The Vernon Stiles Inn, established in 1814 as a tavern, The Thompson Bank, the Old Town Hall, and the Congregational Church.

Camille M. Strong, is the manager of the show. Dealers at the show include specialists in pewter, silver, brass, copper, china, glass, pottery, Victorian and Formal and Country furnishings as well as paintings, folk art, tools, baskets, quilts, homespuns, etc.

From Massachusetts (Webster-Dudley-Oxford) take the Route 12 and pick up Route 52 and get off at Exit 99 and follow the signs.

Webster Times, page 18, 7/28/1976

Historical Society strapped by repairs to old town hall

By JAY LAMY

THOMPSON — A team of three CETA workers and one instructor has completed about half of the roofing work on the old town hall on Thompson Hill.

(Photo, Page Four) In addition, they have removed a tile ceiling, repaired a cracked beam, and hand scraped most of the nondescript-colored paint inside the building.

The old town hall crew was one of those engaged when Thompson was awarded three new CETA grants last summer. The building, which is under the jurisdiction of the Historical Society, was scheduled for restoration in the future by its new owners, and the group has sponsored a series of fundraising projects over the past two years for that purpose.

However, the timetable called for work to begin in 1980, and the sudden windfall of no-cost labor has presented the Historical Society with a funding problem:

the cost of materials for the new roof has almost wiped out the society's budget, according to President Ruth Barks.

"We weren't really ready for the work to begin this soon, and now we have to raise more money. We hope to have an auction soon, and we're planning a direct appeal for funds through a letter campaign."

The CETA grants pay for the workers, but not materials. Barks says that the society had planned to start the project with \$8,000, but with the unexpected beginning last August, the group was caught with only about \$3,000 in its coffers.

She said that the group was looking for projects that required a lot of labor, such as painting the exterior of the building, refurbishing the benches, and repairing the bell tower mechanism, but also noted that there were other projects that needed doing: things that required expensive materials, such as wiring and providing a

new sanitation system to replace the existing equipment: a privy.

"It's a two-seater," she said. "Well, actually, it's a two-seater and a one-seater. I've never seen anything like it before."

She promised that this little bit of Americana would be preserved, but noted that it would have to be replaced with modern facilities for actual use.

Barks said that the progress of the work throughout the winter should make the building suitable for its first public uses by next spring. It will provide display space for the Historical Society's collections, serve as a meeting place for various groups, and be used for such things as special exhibits, recitals, and other functions.

Webster Times, page 110/5/1977

Auction to benefit restoration project

THOMPSON — The Historical Society will sponsor an auction of selected antiques from the estate of Charles Whiting, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in North Grosvenordale.

According to Society President Ruth Barks, the historical group was one of six organizations named to receive the estate in Whiting's will. The society bid on several of his effects, and will auction them off to raise money for materials needed for the resto-

vation of the Old Town Hall on Thompson Hill.

Labor for the renovation has been provided to the society under a CETA grant, however the project had not been scheduled to get underway until 1980, and the change in the schedule has left the group short of money for necessary supplies.

Barks said that among the items to be offered to the public would be several articles of furniture, including a number of old rocking chairs, and a great many collectibles, including a quantity of antique glassware.

Webster Times, Page 2, 10/19/1977

Times, Wednesday, July 27, 1977

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THOMPSON ANTIQUE SHOW

HELD IN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

FRIDAY JULY 29th 6:30 - 9:30 P.M.

SATURDAY JULY 30th 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

EAT AT THE VERNON STILES INN

or SHOW SNACK BAR

TAKE CONN. RTE. 52 TO EXIT 99 & FOLLOW SIGNS

DONATION: \$1.50 (\$1.25 WITH THIS AD)

ALL FUNDS GO FOR RESTORING OLD TOWN HALL

Webster Times, page 11, 7/27/1977



Old town hall shaping up

THOMPSON — CETA workers have completed about half of the roofing on the old town hall restoration project. The workers are paid for by

Uncle Sam, but the cost of materials has left the Historical Society strapped for funds.

Webster Times, page 4, 10/5/1977

Times, Wednesday, October 26, 1977

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Thompson auction aids restoration

NORTH GROSVENORDALE — The Thompson Historical Society will hold an auction on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 12 in North Grosvenordale.

Inspection of goods to be auctioned will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The auctioneers will be Robert H. Glass and his family of the Robert H. Glass Auction Gallery, Central Village, Connecticut.

The objects to be auctioned come from the Charles Whiting Estate in Thompson, Ct. The proceeds of the auction will be used for the restoration of the Old Thompson Town Hall on Route 309 in Thompson.

The Old Thompson Town Hall is a lovely Greek Revival building built circa 1840. The assumed Architect was Ethel Tower, a native of Thompson, who spearheaded the Greek Revival movement in the United States in the early 1800's. He designed the building

around the New Haven Green.

The Old Town Hall was used as a Town Hall and Meeting Place until the 1890's. It was then used by the Grange and by other organizations for various meetings. The Town Hall was used as late as the early 1960's but since has been neglected.

The Thompson Historical Society, not wanting to see an important part of Thompson's history and a good example of Greek Revival Architecture destroyed, bought the structurally sound building in 1969. At that time a fund drive was started to repair and building and change its use to a museum for historical documents and artifacts. Since then some immediate repair work has been done, but actual restoration was delayed due to lack of funds.

In July 1977, a CETA Grant was awarded to the Town of Thompson to provide labor to restore the Old Town Hall if the Thompson Historical Society would provide the materials.

Webster Times, page 13, 10/26/1977

Society gets \$148,000

THOMPSON — The Thompson Historical Society has received a \$15,000 state grant that will allow further restorations to be completed at the old Town Hall.

The society had requested \$148,000 from the state Bonding Commission, although society spokesmen admitted they

didn't expect to receive the entire amount of the request.

Restoration of the 1842 building had begun last year with a CETA grant. Plans for the Old Town Hall after all work is completed include use for Historical Society headquarters and meetings, and as a historical museum.

Webster Times, page 3, 4/12/1978

Society plans antique show

THOMPSON — The Thompson Historical Society will hold its third annual Antique Show at the Thompson Congregational Church on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29.

The show is under the direction of Camille Strong, and all funds will be used towards restoration of the Old Town Hall.

Luncheon and dinner will be served under an open tent. A \$1.50 donation will be accepted at the door.

The show will run on Friday, July 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturday, July 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Webster Times, page 15, 7/19/1978

The Thompson Historical Society acquired the Old Town Hall from the town of Thompson in 1968. Between 1968 and 1977 some upkeep was done on the building. In 1977, the town received a year-long CETA VI Project Grant for \$67,315 to help restore the Old Town Hall, and the Historical Society was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Restoration of Historic Assets in Connecticut Fund, to carry on the restoration process.

In April of this year, the Historical Society was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Restoration of Historic Assets in Connecticut Fund, to carry on the restoration process.

The Historical Society hopes to use the Old Town

Hall for meetings, cultural and town functions and as a small museum.



Antique show

THOMPSON — A woman studies antique objects for sale at the Thompson Antique Show on Friday. The show was held in the Congregational Church and attracted many visitors from the area. Proceeds from the Friday and Saturday affair go towards restoration of the Old Town Hall. (photo by Carol Kozlowski)

Webster Times, page 2, 5/17/1978

Agency helps troubled youths

By CAROL KOZLOWSKI
THOMPSON — Youths living in small towns have just as significant problems as those in large cities said Lynn Grattan, co-director of the Quinebaug Valley Youth Services Bureau located in North Grosvenordale.

The QVYSB is one of 55 youth service bureaus, independent of the state of Connecticut, which provides a wide range of programs and services to juvenile delinquents, drop-outs, troubled youth and those just needing something positive to do. The bureau serves the towns of Brooklyn, Canterbury, Eastford, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Woodstock and Thompson, which are charged on a per capita basis that hasn't risen in five years.

Programs include research projects, counseling, emergency shelter and work experience. Funding was mostly from local and federal and state grants until recently, when the state of Connecticut voted to appropriate funds for the youth service bureaus.

A staff of 40 works with the youths and families in the area, most juveniles being referred from the police departments. The Bureau is available on a 24-hour basis for the convenience of the police departments and the individual, many whose problems can't wait to be dealt with at the next regularly scheduled office hours.

"We're accessible to the people who need us," says Grattan.

The problems of youth in the ten-towns are similar, Grattan notes, and mostly are a result of a lack of things to do.

"These kids are really bored," she says. "There is a lack of positive things to do here. There are no museums, no movie theaters. The schools are crowded and many are on double sessions. The teachers don't have time to spend with the kids in after-school activities."

In contrast with larger cities, where there are more cultural activities on hand, transportation is a big problem in the ten-town region. Grattan says "hard drugs" are not much of a problem in the area, and less violent crimes such as break-ins are much more prevalent than armed robbery.

Grattan feels current attempts in the towns to expand recreation programs to deal with the lack of positive activities for young people is not going to solve the problem. "Not all kids would make the baseball team."

As an attempt to deal with youth boredom, the bureau offers work programs for teenagers, some of whom are drop-outs. Rent-a-Kid provides temporary, part-time, after-school or week-end jobs for teenagers aged 12 through 18.

Some of the jobs include snow removal, general yard work, housecleaning, babysitting and small painting jobs. Transportation is worked out between the youngster's family and sometimes by the employer. Hourly wages

are negotiated between both parties and the bureau.

Youth Work Experience is a program designed to help high school drop-outs aged 16-20 obtain long-term, permanent employment through work experience training provided through the QVYSB. Youths must be unemployed, and out-of-school. About 40 youths are involved in work experience programs in the area. In Thompson, youths are working at the Old Town Hall doing renovation work, and the Day Care Center as aides. A federal grant has expanded the offerings in this program, enabling professionals such as career counselors, a psychologist and counselors to be hired. A job-site counselor and a work supervisor provide personal counseling and training respectively. "We always try to encourage them to go back to school," observes Career Specialist Pamela Brown. "Most really need to go back."

Because the program is fairly new (less than one year), effects of the program on the success of jobless drop-outs has not been measured, but are currently being studied.

Alternatives to institutionalization are offered for juvenile delinquents in the area and after initial interviews with the individual and the family, may include alternative education, job training, in-home service, recreational facilities or long term placement. Grattan says police departments are especially receptive to the services offered by the Bureau to juvenile offenders.

Seminars and counseling are offered to both troubled youths and families. Families having difficulties can receive the services of a family management aide who "helps to discipline" says Grattan.

Research into the problems of student adjustment to education will be studied in the ten-towns in a one-year grant called Project SEA (Student Educational Adjustment). The data will be available to school systems at the completion of the project.

Grattan says her staff serves about five percent of the area's youth population. Thompson has one of the larger number of referrals, with 110 clients served since January of this year. A total of 545 clients were served for all ten-towns last year. Since the Bureau moved to Thompson from Putnam in 1975, the number of Thompson clients served has doubled, showing that the town has a need for youth services.



Job Site Supervisor Susan Shaw (left) observes Youth Experience workers Babs Deslauriers (top right) and Mary McDonald painting the exterior of the Thompson Town Hall, as part of a renovation project begun April 1.

(Photo by Carol Kozlowski)

Webster Times, page 2, 5/17/1978



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

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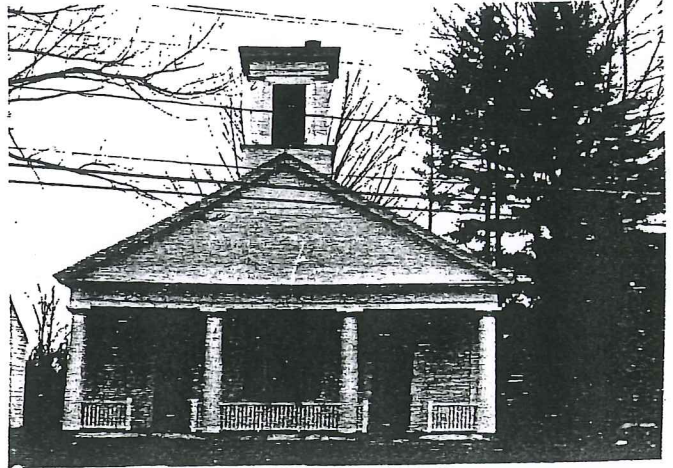
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IDENTIFICATION	1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)	
	OLD TOWN HALL	THOMPSON TOWN HALL
	2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE
	THOMPSON	THOMPSON
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
	1 CHASE ROAD & ROUTE 200	105/38-4
	4. OWNER(S)	
	THOMPSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., THOMPSON, CT 06277	
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)	
	MUSEUM	TOWN HALL
DESCRIPTION	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	
	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	IF YES, EXPLAIN	
	Museum, irregular hours	
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING	
	Greek Revival	
	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
	c. 1842	
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APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS		
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WHEN?		
(Alterations)		
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New porch railing		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)	
Small outhouse at rear		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
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<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		
On Thompson Hill, in a well preserved 19th century village center.		

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	Town of Thompson, Connecticut	
	ADDRESS	
	16 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:	



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

Three-bay facade, entries to left and right. Central bay has large window with 12-over-12 sash. Entries have narrow double heavy paneled doors, paneled surrounds with paneled corner blocks. Molded architrave, plain frieze, molded cornice. Flush-boarded pedimented peak carried forward on fluted Doric columns to form full width porch. Modern railing with square rail and balusters.

Plain corner pilasters. Side elevations have oversized windows with 12-over-12 sash, else plain.

18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER
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19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Thompson Town Hall was opened on October 3, 1842, serving not only as a seat of government, but also as a social center and meeting hall. At the time, Thompson Hill has just experienced four decades of prosperity and growth as a turnpike commercial center and was clearly Thompson's dominant village.

Beginning in the late 1850s, however, intensive cotton textile development moved the town's political center of gravity towards the industrial villages of the French River valley (most notably Grosvenordale and North Grosvenordale). By the early 20th century, this building was effectively sharing town hall duties with North Grosvenordale's Salle Union (annual town meetings were either split or alternated between the two). This arrangement represented not only an acknowledgement of population shifts, but was also a compromise between the Yankee Hill and the overwhelmingly French-Canadian Grosvenordales. By the end of the Second World War, the Town Hall was little used, although annual town meetings were sometimes held there; the Quinnetisset Grange continued to meet in the building until the 1960s.

The Thompson Historical Society purchased the Town Hall in 1969 and performed considerable

SOURCES

A Brief Historical Tour of the Town of Thompson
 Thompson Annual Reports
 Thompson Assessor's Records
 Thompson Land Records

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 _____

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
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 For Buildings and Structures

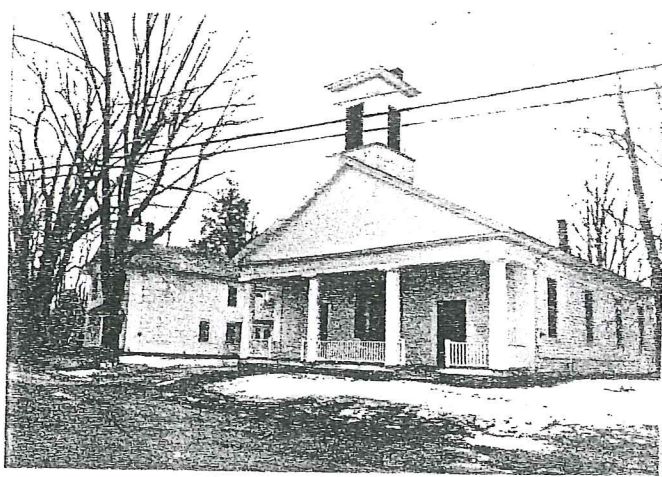
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CONTINUATION SHEET #19 THOMPSON TOWN HALL
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restoration work in the late 1970s; it is opened to the public on special occasions.

Historically, the Thompson Town Hall is significant as a longtime community institution, and as part of a large and well preserved assemblage of older buildings in the village of Thompson Hill.

Architecturally, it is significant as one of Thompson's finest examples of the Greek Revival style. The gable-end-to-street orientation, pedimented peak, Doric columns, flush boarded tympanum, symmetrical facade, and prominent entablature (architrave, frieze, and cornice) were all intended to suggest the massing and smooth masonry construction of a classical Greek temple. The design of this building has sometimes been attributed to prominent Thompson born architect Ithiel Towne.



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