



**Thompson
Historical
Society**

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Historic Record of Property and Places in Thompson, CT

Property Address: 78 Main Street

Parcel No.: 169/88/64//

Historical Property Name (if applicable): Horace Walker House

THS Reference No.: MS007;121

Lat/Long: 41.983015, -71.901497

Revisions to this document

Revision	Revised By/date	Description of Revision
01	M. Snay 9/22/23	Document created
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Description

Bing Maps street view 2015

Google street view 2023 months prior to tear down

Image from Thompson Assessor card

1965 and 2016 Aerial images

Thompson Map Geo 2023 image of neighborhood building layout

Images taken 9/17/2023 days after tear down

DESCRIPTION/DETAILS

The building was torn down the week of 9/10/2023. This was due to new ownership of the property to include the bakery building and the brick ranch style house on the hill just south of the Bakery building. Per town planner, the Horace Walker house was in poor condition and there was compromise to part of the foundation. THS member requests of the owner through the realtor to allow photos to be taken prior to the tear down went unanswered. THS was not given notice of the tear down eliminating the opportunity of recording the building through photography.

It is believed that Walker Street, which originally was located where the present day (2023) Thompson Public Library is located, was named after this Walker family. A portion of the road is the entrance and drive of the library from the RT 12 side.

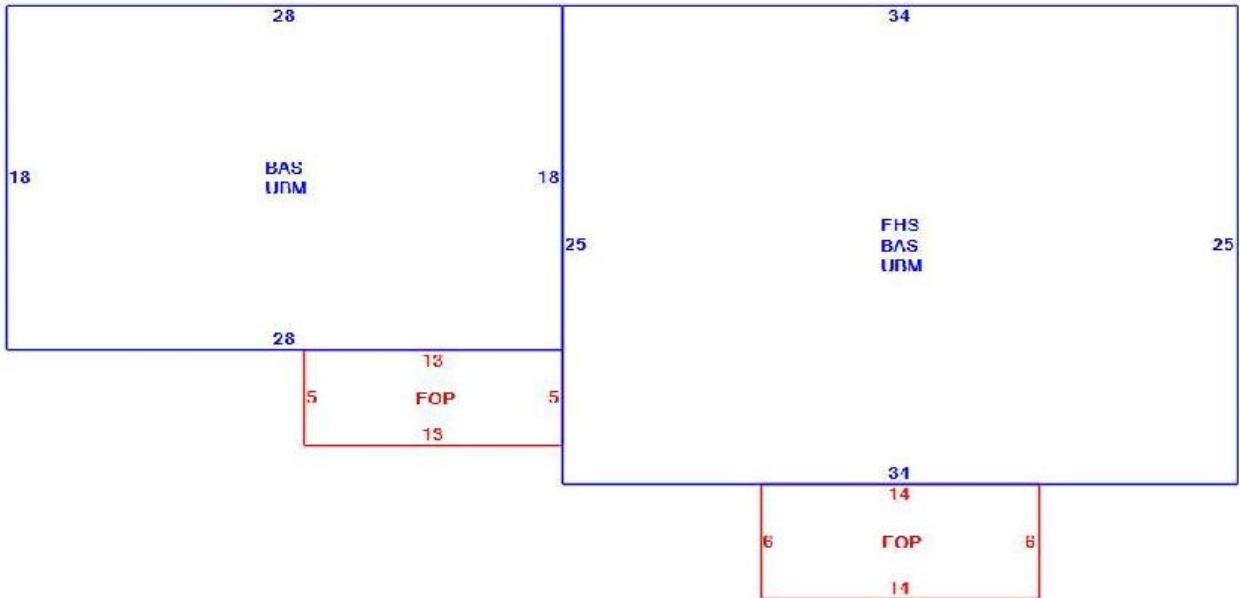




Views of property just a few months prior to tear down



Thompson CT
Assessor Card
2023





Town of Thompson, CT
 Property Quick Search

78 MAIN ST

Property

Address 78 MAIN ST
 Account Number 5209
 Map Block Lot 169 88 64

Ownership

Name GREEN VALLEY SELF STORAGE LLC
 Address 174 W QUASSET RD WOODSTOCK, CT 06281-3233

Valuation

Total \$44,000
 Land \$23,800
 Building Value \$20,200
 Last Sale \$0 on 2023-06-12
 Book/Page 0213/

Land

Area 0.96 AC
 Zone COM
 Land Use Code 1040

Historic Properties

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Map data ©2023 Google 50 m



Photos taken 9/17/2023

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

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
 (203) 566-3005

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169/88/64/1

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)		HORACE WALKER FARM		
	2. TOWN CITY		VILLAGE	COUNTY	
	THOMPSON		NORTH GROSVENORDALE	WINDHAM	
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		169/88-64		
	81 MAIN STREET (78 MAIN ST.)				
	4. OWNER(S)		N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		
	FAUCHER, LOUIS P. JR., & RAYMOND P. SR.				
	5. USE (Present) (Historic)		Residence		
	Residence				
	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		
DESCRIPTION	7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION		
	Vernacular/Greek Revival		c. 1845		
	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chimney	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick		
	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	granite ashlar foundation	
	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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS			
1 1/2		34' X 24' (main part)			
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	Siding, altered sash	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES					
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density		
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS					
In an extensive 19th-century mill village, just south of the 1896 Emanuel Lutheran Church.					

(OVER)

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	VIEW NW	NEGATIVE ON FILE C9	
COMPILED BY	NAME Mark McDonough		DATE 1986
	ORGANIZATION Town of Thompson, Connecticut		
	ADDRESS		



20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:

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

Five-bay main wing with central entry. Hip-roofed entry portico with square balusters, turned posts, jigsaw brackets. Door has single large light over panels; paneled entry surround with paneled corner blocks. Two large gabled wall dormers. Sash generally left wing has entry with small shed-roofed portico on turned posts. To rear, cross-gabled shed/barn extensions.

18 ARCHITECT

BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

Horace Walker (died c. 1895) was the longtime occupant and probable builder of this simple farmhouse. The land upon which it was built originally belonged to the Fisher family. William Fisher, who first developed the cotton textile industry in North Grosvenordale beginning in the late 1820's (it was known as Fisherville between 1830 and 1868) desired a mill village combining industry and agriculture. His policy of encouraging farmers to locate in Fisherville may well be responsible for the presence of this house..

Architecturally, the Walker House is significant as a good, if somewhat altered example of a 19th-century vernacular dwelling with classically-inspired Greek Revival detailing (seen in the paneled entry surround). The dormers and porticoes are later alterations. The attached agricultural buildings are a relatively common feature in 19th-century farm houses.

SOURCES

1855 Atlas
 Bayles, History of Windham County
 Thompson Land Records 17:332 (1847)

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known
 Highways
 Vandalism
 Developers
 Other _____

Renewal
 Private
 Deterioration
 Zoning
 Explanation _____