

Historic Record of Property and Places in Thompson, CT

Property Address: 423 Pasay Road

Parcel No.: 79/ 47/ 10/ /

Historical Property Name (if applicable): Joseph Towne

THS Reference No.: MS-012

Lat/Long: 41.998185, -71.874319

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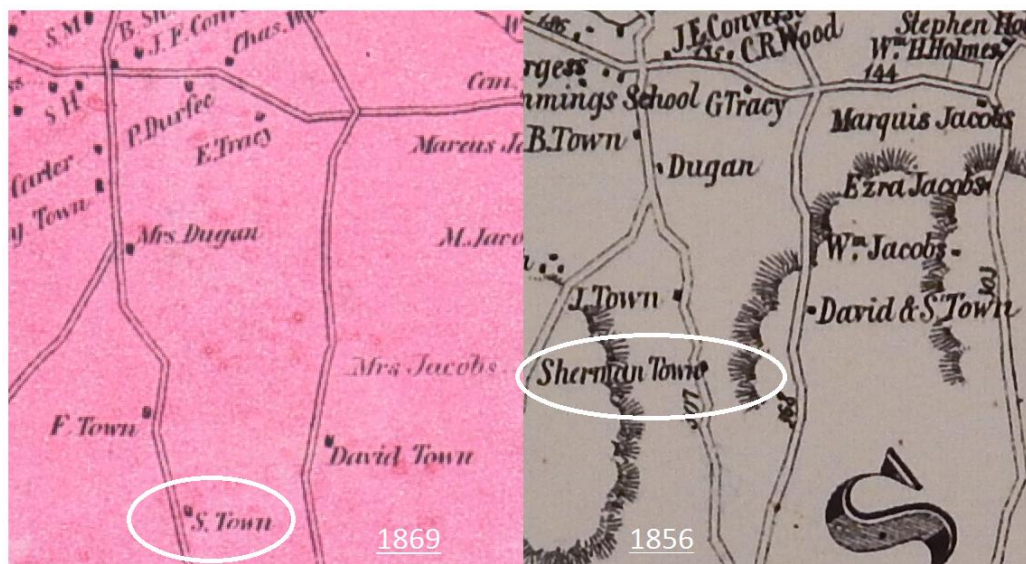
DESCRIPTION/DETAILS

An early cape style house with a smaller wing, this house likely dates to about 1800. Town assessor's record indicates built 1750, however, hardware and other architectural details indicate a later date. Further research is needed to possibly determine age of the house.

This house/property was purchased by Adolf Kindler in 1918 (v34 pg 592) from Minna Goodwin. It was eventually sold to his son Alvin, then Alvin sold to his son and daughter in law Alvin and Dorothy Kindler. After Alvi's death, Dorothy retained ownership until 2001 when she sold the property to her daughter and son in law Darlene and Gregory Finamore. The Finamore's sold to Sanat Patel in April 2023. It is under the Patel ownership that the house, barn and smoke house were torn down and cleared away.

In 2017, THS realized that the buildings were in an accelerated state of decay, had been vandalized extensively and the demise of the buildings was not far into the future. Permission was obtained from the owners and many photos were taken, now stored in the THS digital collection. At that time, the house still had many family belongings in it that had been strewn about by vandals.

This house is shown in both the 1856 and 1869 early maps of Thompson. Ownership noted is "S. Town" and "Sherman Town". There are other of the Town name listed nearby, all believed to be family. The name spelling of "Town" on the maps is incorrect as other early records indicating "Towne" as the proper spelling.



Ellen Larned, in her "First Families" articles, wrote about Joseph Towne who had settled in Thompson in 1733. She mentions that the location of his original property was unknown, however, believes that descendants lived upon portions of the land Joseph owned. She mentions Sherman Towne as great grandson of Joseph Towne of 1733 settlement and that the house was believed to have been owned by Sherman's father Joseph III. Ellen noted *"the remarkable stone walls bounding his lands will long stand in witness of his persevering industry"*. These walls she mentioned are very impressive in size, measuring

5 feet wide or more and built by laying two rows of walls parallel and filling in the center. The walls were likely built in this manner due to the very large volume of stone that covers the ground all around the house. Unfortunately, as of this writing (5/2024), sections of the walls, on the east side of Pasay Road and south of the house, have been torn apart by excavators.

The following photos are from the collection taken in 2017 and early 2024:

Looking northeast from driveway at the road:



Same view perspective after the March/ April 2024 tear down:



Looking northwest from hill above the barn and house:



View looking south from the house:



View looking east from driveway at the road:



Same view perspective after the March/ April 2024 tear down:



This photo was copied from Google Street View showing the house during what is believe mid-late 2023 as cleanup was started and prior to tear down:



Not visible in the above images was a small building, approximately 4' x 6' long and about 4 feet tall. It had a gable roof with a doorway on one end. The construction was early and possibly dated to the mid 19th century. It was made of brick with a wood roof and sat on cut granite stone for a foundation. The floor was of dirt possibly layered over the granite. While unsure of its purpose, it is possible that it was used as a smoke house.

The stone walls of the property, as mentioned above, were very wide making them very visible in the 1934 aerial photos.

More photos showing details of the house and barn architecture, smoke house, stone walls and more are available for viewing in the THS digital Photo/Document database.



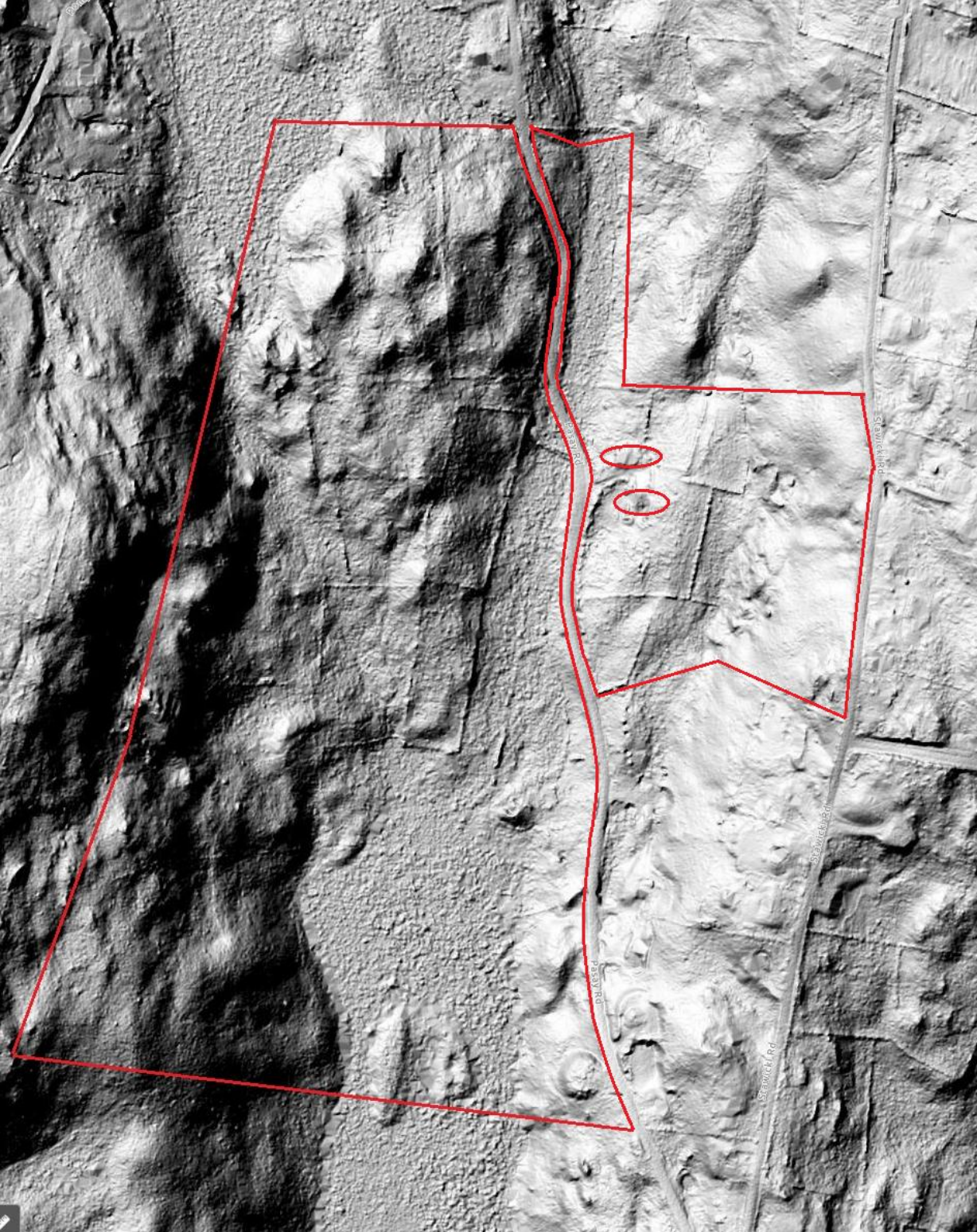
In both aerial photos, the house can be seen north of the barn. Both buildings are on the east side of Pasay Road. Visible in 1934 is a third building that was on the west side of Pasay Road across from the barn. This appears to be gone in 1965. Also seen in 1934 is a fourth building directly east of the house.



Below is a 2016 view via satellite and Lidar. The driveway is visible in the Lidar image. Also note in the lidar image the width of the stone walls and the proportion as compared to the width of Pasay Road.



This Lidar view shows the approximate bounds of the Patel purchase. The purpose of this view is to record the original stone wall layout before any possible future changes might take place. The ovals indicate location of house and barn.



A view of one of the Stone walls as seen from Pasay road on the north side of the house foundation:



Selections from Assessor details

423 PASAY RD

Location 423 PASAY RD

Acct# 002458

PBN DM2

Appraisal \$137,000

Building Count 1

Building Percent Good: 20

Replacement Cost

Less Depreciation: \$42,000

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Owner FINAMORE DARLENE L + GREGORY

Assessment \$68,070

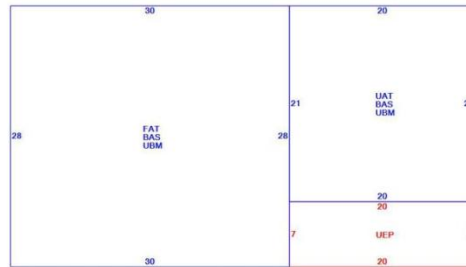
PID 1946

Building Photo



<https://images.vgsi.com/photos/thompsonctPhotos/000002346.jpg>

Building Layout



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Building Attributes	
Field	Description
Style:	Cape Cod
Model	Residential
Grade:	C
Stories:	1 Story
Occupancy	1
Exterior Wall 1	Wood Shingle
Exterior Wall 2	
Roof Structure:	Gable/Hip
Roof Cover	Asph/F GlS/Cmp
Interior Wall 1	Plaster
Interior Wall 2	
Interior Flr 1	Pine/Soft Wood
Interior Flr 2	Carpet
Heat Fuel	Oil
Heat Type:	Hot Water
AC Type:	None
Total Bedrooms:	6 Bedrooms
Total Bthrms:	1
Total Half Baths:	0
Total Xtra Fixtrs:	
Total Rooms:	9 Rooms
Bath Style:	Average
Kitchen Style:	Average
Num Kitchens	01
Cndtn	
Num Park	
Fireplaces	
Fndtn Cndtn	
Basement	

Building Sub-Areas (sq ft)			Legend	
Code	Description	Gross Area	Living Area	
BAS	First Floor	1,260	1,260	
FAT	Attic, Finished	840	336	
UAT	Attic, Unfinished	420	0	
UBM	Basement, Unfinished	1,260	0	
UEP	Porch, Enclosed, Unfinished	140	0	
		3,920	1,596	

Outbuildings

Outbuildings						Legend
Code	Description	Sub Code	Sub Description	Size	Value	Bldg #
BRN1	BARN - 1 STORY			884.00 S.F.	\$1,900	1