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INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY NO. 0822-138

HISTORIC NAME: Thompson House (Grocery)
LOCATION: 103 Penn Street

COMMON NAME: 103 Penn Street
BLOCK/LOT 57/4

MAY 31 1988

MUNICIPALITY: Woodbury
USGS QUAD: Woodbury
OWNER/ADDRESS: Frank Pipolo

COUNTY: Gloucester
UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

18U 570 000 9000

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date: Circa 1892

Source of Date: Map of Woodbury, 1892

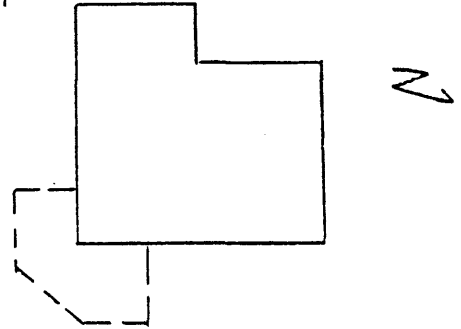
Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Style: Victorian Farmhouse

Form/Plan Type:

Number of Stories: 2½



Foundation: Stone

Exterior Wall Fabric: Clapboard

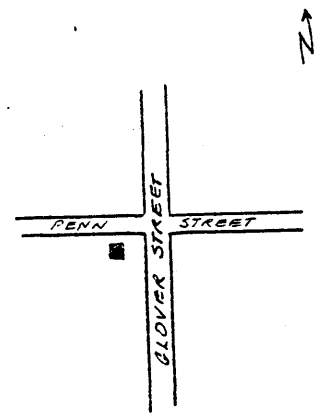
Fenestration: 4 by 2 bays

Roof/Chimneys: Gable/Gable end-wall chimney and chimney in rear addition

Additional Architectural Description: The northeast corner of this house was converted into a store which had an interesting entrance built on the corner of the house. Two bay storefront display windows frame the corner door and a tin sheated roof covers the porch. In addition to the rear addition to the house, a long shed garage is also behind the house but not attached.

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Map (Indicate North)



SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Situated on the southwest corner of Penn Street (0822-137) and Glover Street (0822-135), the Thompson House opens up onto Penn Street but the corner store built into the house faces both streets. An empty lot connected to the west of the house contains several interesting plantings and is bound by an old wrought iron fence.

Less than one acre.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Urban Suburban Scattered Buildings
Open Space Woodland Residential Agricultural Village
Industrial Downtown Commerical Highway Commercial Other

SIGNIFICANCE:

Once known as Thompson's Grocery Store, an old sign in the window now advertises for the Gloucester County Electrical Company, although the store appears to be unoccupied. Thompson's Grocery Store is the only one like it in the Glover Historic District (0822-130) that remains today. A large portion of herringbone sidewalk also remains at the southwest corner of Penn Street (0822-137) and Glover Street (0822-135) and leads right up to the front doorstep of the store entrance. The style of the house itself is similar to a few of the houses on Penn Street (Neg. File # WD5-11 and Neg. File # WD5-14) with the exception of the rear addition, which is two stories high on the other houses while only one story on the Thompson House.

The best preserved late 19th century grocery store in Woodbury, Thompson's Grocery is an excellent survival of a traditional family-owned small business. Serving primarily the townspeople of Woodbury's West End, Thompson's Grocery, although now closed, is associated with the town's independent entrepreneurs. Its prominent location at Glover and Penn Streets, helped establish this building as one of Woodbury's most important corner stores.

ORIGINAL USE: Residence/Store PRESENT USE: Residence
PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Poor
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes Possible No Part of District
THREATS TO SITE: Roads Development Zoning Deterioration
No Threat Other

COMMENTS:

REFERENCES:

Map of Woodbury and Vicinity, 1892. Surveyed by William M. Carter. Gloucester County Historical Library. Woodbury, New Jersey.

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