The Smith-Saunders House faces west onto Garden Street. It sits on a large lot with many fir trees just north of Meadow Road. A curved driveway exists to the north of the house which is bounded by other buildings of similar age and style.
This Colonial Revival-style house is rectangular in form and features a series of bays across its front facade. Part of the full-length porch, supported by columns, has been enclosed. The second story consists of a tripartite window flanked by a double-hung window on either side. Two brick chimneys rise from the roof, one of which features an arched opening. Nine-over-nine sash are found throughout the house; they display decorative leaded panes.

In 1915 Harriet and Anna Y. Barbour sold a large piece of land which extended from Main Street to the Farmington River to Winchell B. Smith (1871-1933). Smith, a noted playwright, had built his large home across the street from this property in 1916. According to historians Lewis and Hurlburt, Smith built this house in 1919 for Jesse Saunders (relationship unknown) with the assistance of architect Cortlandt Luce. In 1934 the building was sold by Phoenix State Bank and Trust, executors of Smith's estate, to Charles E. Burt (FLR 89:161). Several owners have purchased it since that time.

The Winchell Smith - Jesse Saunders House contributes to the streetscape due to its state of preservation.

Sources
OWNER'S NAME TERRY, ROBERT M. BUTTERFIELD, RICHARD D &

1950-res. Genevieve 10/22/58

ADDRESS: 199 Garden Street Vol. 140 p 383

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BUTTERFIELD from Lucretia M. Thomas - THOMAS from

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ARCHITECT Cortland Luce

MASTER-BUILDER

FORMER OWNERS: Terry from Charles E. Burt 1/11/1943, Vol. 97, p. 82;

Burt from Phoenix State Bank & Trust Co., Tr. Est. Winchell

Smith, 10/27/1934, Vol. 89, p. 161; Winchell Smith bought

the land from Henry W. Barbour.

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