The Joel Peck House sits on an open lot on the south side of Scott Swamp Road. It is surrounded by large fir trees to the west and south. A stone driveway and garage bound the house's east side. Other houses of similar age are scattered to the east and west of this property.
This large, four-bay, Greek Revival-style house is oriented ridge-to-street, unlike other Greek Revival-style homes in the area. A wide entablature exists beneath the eaves and cornice returns. The gable ends consist of paired windows. The original entry way with five-paned sidelights has been enclosed recently and somewhat distracts from its historical appearance. Reminiscent of the Stick style is the sunburst motif on the recessed classical door of an enclosed porch on the rear ell.

This site in Farmington's Scott Swamp District was owned as early as 1850 by a Joel Peck following an agreement that year mediated by the town selectmen concerning a fence "between the home lots of Roger S. Newell and Joel Peck, adjoining proprietors" (FLR 51:282). A house was erected between 1850 and 1862 when Peck mortgaged his 38 acres with a dwelling house and outbuildings to Samuel P. Newell of Bristol (FLR 58:414). The Peck family bought many tracts of land in the Scott Swamp area which they traded freely among themselves and eventually sold. Joel was the son of Jesse Peck, (d. 1856), a known builder of stone houses in New Haven, and grandson of Joel Peck. In January of 1866 Newell attempted to foreclose on his mortgage to Peck's property, however Peck refused to vacate (FLR 57:453). Peck and Newell apparently settled their dispute out of court. That March Peck sold the dwelling house, barns, and outbuildings with 90 acres to James Cairns of Bristol (FLR 60:333). Newell then quit-claimed his rights to the original 38 acres (FLR 59:291). A month later Cairns mortgaged the property to the Farmington Savings Bank for $1,750 only to be foreclosed upon in 1868 (FLR 60:355, 62:8). Just before the foreclosure Cairns quit-claimed the property back to Joel and the bank followed suit for the original 38 acres in August of 1869 (FLR 59:503, 567). Upon obtaining the quit-claim Joel deeded the 38 acres with buildings to his son Wilbur J. (a.k.a. Joel Wilbur) of New Haven (FLR 59:568). Wilbur sold the property to William Woods in 1874, whose widow Clara E. Woods in turn sold the property in 1907 to Emerson R. Flint of Hartford (FLR 77:124; 61:675). (cont. below)
