**TOWN:** Farmington  
**VILLAGE:**  
**COUNTY:** Hartford  

**SITE:** HIST·6 NEW 5 71  
**SITE NO:** 367  

**OWNERS:**  
Potter, Robert E.  

**USE:** Residence  
**EXTERIOR ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC:** Yes  
**INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE:** Yes  

**STYLE OF BUILDING:** Tudor  
**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:** 1928  

**MATERIALS:**  
- Wood Shingle  
- Brick  
- Asbestos Siding  
- Fieldstone  
- Cobblestone  

**ROOF:**  
- Gable  
- Flat  
- Mansard  
- Monitor  
- Other  

**NUMBER OF STORIES:** 2 1/2  
**APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS:** 93 x 36  

**SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:**  
- Open land  
- Woodland  
- Residential  

Located several hundred yards east of Talcott Notch Road, the Tilden Owings & James L.D. Kearney House is surrounded by spacious open lawns encompassed by woodlands. The surrounding neighborhood is primarily residential in character and is currently experiencing moderate, residential development.
This building is one of the best examples of Tudor-style architecture in Farmington. Identifying features include the steeply-pitched, slate-covered, ridge-to-street, gable roof with large projecting cross gables, narrow, grouped sash, and stone wall cladding. Note the hip-roofed wall dormers with paired sash and large interior end chimney with chimney pots. The panelled entry door features three-paned sidelights. A two-story ell with heavy, round-arched entry door, multi-paned sash and hip-roofed dormers extends from the east elevation.

Mrs. Ernest Mortimer

Franklin Jones

In July of 1927 Tilden Owings Kearney (Mrs. James L. D.) purchased a 50 acre parcel of land along the east side of Talcott Notch Road from F.H. and H.F. Andrews (FLR 85:103). Mrs. Kearney and her husband James built this large house during the following year. The architect is listed as Mrs. Ernest Mortimer and the builder as Franklin Jones. Born in Mount Washington, Maryland, a suburb of Baltimore, Margaret Tilden Owings Kearney was the daughter of Wesley Marion and Margaret (Williams) Owings. James Lawrence Owen Kearney (1877-1939) was born in Lumberland, Maryland, to Michael and Helen (Owen) Kearney. Kearney began his successful career in the insurance field in Baltimore. After serving as vice-president for the Equitable Security Company in New York, he came to Hartford in 1914 as secretary of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company. Kearney later rose to the position of vice-president and in 1934 became president of the firm. The Kearney family lived in a number of homes in Farmington village before erecting this dwelling in 1928. The Kearneys' had three children: Margaret Owen, James L. D. Jr., and Franklin Patrick.

Tudor-style architecture was one of the most popular styles used in suburban areas during the 1920s and 1930s. This landmark example emphasizes the wealth and prominence of the building's first owners and is a significant example of early twentieth-century domestic architecture.

OWNER'S NAME: (KEARNEY, TILDEN O.) to MORRIS, Robert E.

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ADDRESS: Talcott Notch Road

DATE BUILT: 1928 FOR: Tilden O. Kearney

ARCHITECT: Mrs Ernest Mortimer

MASTER-BUILDER: Franklin Jones
