Facing west on to Main Street, the Thomas Bulkley House sits above a brownstone retaining wall on a small manicured lot. The surrounding residential neighborhood contains dwellings dating from the early eighteenth century to the present.
This 1-story, five-bay, Colonial-period dwelling is capped with a rear roof slope, giving it a "saltbox" appearance. The facade features a central doorway flanked by twelve panes. Twelve-over-twelve sash are found through most of the building, except for the twelve-over-eight windows featured in the shed-roofed dormers. A modern brick chimney has been added to the north elevation. The single-story ell and open porch on the southern elevation are later additions.

Extensive research of this building indicates it was constructed around 1788 by Thomas Bulkley (Buckley) on land he acquired from Asahel Wadsworth (FLR 27:279). Little is known about Bulkley and in 1799 his estate was distributed to his widow, Bathsheba, and their five children (FPR 5:19). In 1803 Asa Andrews purchased the property and built a small brick shop on the northern portion of the lot (#99 Main Street) (FLR 33:230,238). A tinsmith by trade, Andrews (1769-1831) presumably resided here until his house at 93 Main Street was completed in 1805. His only daughter Abigail Maria (b. 1798) and her husband Simeon Hart lived here after their marriage in 1824. Hart, a graduate of Yale, came to Farmington in 1823 to serve as the headmaster of the Academy, a position he held until 1835. In 1826 Asa Andrews sold this house to Simeon and Abigail "for love and affection" (FLR 43:54). Two years later, Simeon enlarged the lot with a 20 rod purchase from Thomas H. Wadsworth (FLR 43:304). In 1835 the Harts sold the property to Abigail's half-brother, Timothy Andrews, and moved into their father's homestead just to the north (93 Main Street) (FLR 96:261). The next owner, Amos Collins, purchased the house and adjoining tin shop in 1837 (FLR 46:443). The Cooke family owned the property for a short while in 1842 before selling to Giles Stillman and Edward E. Warren (FLR 48:281,350). Stillman sold his portion of the house to his son-in-law Warren in 1846 and took full title to the brick shop (FLR 50:55, 49:145). Edward E. Warren (1817-1888), who had married Sarah Ann Stillman (1823-1855) in 1842, was employed as a stagecoach driver. In 1889 the estate of Edward E. Warren sold the lot to Julius Gay, who immediately sold it back to Edward's second wife, Lucretia A. Warren (FLR 69:136, 70:147). The house was sold (see cont. pg.)

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This well-preserved Colonial-period dwelling is architecturally significant as one of the few 1½ story buildings found in Farmington's historic district. Historically the building is notable for its association with the Andrews and Hart families.
(LATHAM, HENRY P. & LALLIE W.) to SHERPICK, Mary
1950-res. 11/22/57;
ADDRESS: 101 Main Street (extends to Colton St.) Vol. 136
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DATE BUILT: ca. 1720 or FOR: John Wadsworth
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warr. deed; C.L. Allen jr., from Est. of mother, Anna P. Allen, by cert. of devise, 2/13/1946
from Agnes K. Curtin 8/23/1923, Vol. 80, p. 341; A.K. Curtin from Amelia M. Miles 9/1/1920,
Bridgeman & John M. New, executors; Est. James Bolter by Exec. from Timothy McCarthy
9/20/1901, Vol. 71, p. 523; T. McCarthy from bankrupt est. of Lucretia Warren 12/31/1900,
Vol. 73, p. 325; Lucretia Warren from Julius Gay 1/4 acre & dwellinghouse by quit claim deed
E.E. Warren & Giles Stillman from George Cook, 50 rods & bldgs., n. on Samuel Burgess
11/25/1878, Vol. 50, p. 55; George Cook from Amos M. Collins, 50 rods & bldgs., n. on S. Burgess
References: "Farmington, Conn., 1906", p. 21
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(LATHAM, HENRY P. & LALLIE W.) AS OF 1950 SHERPICK, 1950 PHOTO NO. 101 MAIN ST.
17 18 19 20
Former Owners, cont.:
3/26/1842, Vol. 48, p. 281; Amos M. Collins from Timothy Andrews, 60 rods & 2 houses (house & brick shop, now J.S. Moore) bounded n., w. & e. on highways, s. on Thomas Wadsworth 4/5/1837, Vol. 46, p. 443; Timothy Andrews (son of Asa Andrews) from Simeon Hart, jr., & his wife, Abigail (Andrews) Hart, 55 rods & bldgs., n.e. & w. on highways and s. on T. Wadsworth 12/4/1835, Vol. 45, p. 182, (this quit claim deed being to release the property mortgaged by Timothy Andrews to Simeon & Abigail Hart. Other mortgage deeds & releases not mentioned); Simeon Hart, jr., & Abigail (Andrews) Hart from her father, Asa Andrews "to my son-in-law and daughter, for love & affection and $700., e. on highway, w. on town Street, n. on my own land (now Moore) s. on T. Wadsworth" 4/19/1826, Vol. 43, p. 54; 2/28/1828 Simeon & Abigail Hart bought 20 rods on s. side of this property from Thomas Wadsworth, Vol. 43, p. 304, the fence to be maintained as long as water shall run or grass shall grow. No indication appears on the indexes of the Town of Farmington showing when or how Asa Andrews acquired this property. Thomas H. Wadsworth from his father, Asahel Wadsworth for $1000., or "ten years labor in my service --- two houses e. of my dwellinghouse with ½ acre of land adjoining said houses 4/25/1817, Vol. 40, p. 109; (no disposition of this property appears in the General Index) the houses would be this Latham house & the small house on Colton St. still in the Wadsworth family); Asahel Wadsworth from his father Capt. Wm. Wadsworth by will together with brother Gad, all bldgs. & the home lott, Prob. Rec. Vol. 1, p. 239, 11/6/1769; Wm. Wadsworth from father Wm., who died 1751 (est. Hfd. Library) all real estate; Wm. Wadsworth from father John, together with brothers John, Wm. Nathaniel, James, Thomas & Nathaniel, to inherit equally after the death of his wife, Sarah, whose will was probated 12/17/1718; after the death of Mrs. John Wadsworth distribution of the real estate was made by the 6 sons, Thomas Wadsworth bought from his 5 brothers part of the home lot, bounded s. on the home lot of their father John and every other way else by highways, 12/17/1719, Vol. 3, p. 480. This house was evidently built for Est. of John Wadsworth before 1719, either as a home for one of the sons as they grew to manhood & married, or as a farmer's cottage. At the time of their father John's death, the youngest, Hezekiah was 6,
ADDRESS: 101 Main Street

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FORMER OWNERS:—cont. Thomas 9, James 12, Nathaniel 15, William 18, John 27, Sarah 31 and Samuel 29. Under the will of the father John, the property could not be divided until after the death of the mother, Sarah, who died 12/17/1718.

Andrews Family: Asa Andrews, son of Timothy & Abigail (Root) Wadsworth, daughter of Joseph & Hannah Wadsworth, was born on father Timothy's place on a back road e. of Main St. in Farmington Village where now (1869) Henry Lewis lives; Asa Andrews married (1) 1797 Hannah Burnett, who died 5/7/1810, leaving 1 daughter, Abigail, who married Simeon Hart 1824; Asa Andrews married (2) Nancy Bidwell (widow of Titus Bidwell, a tinsmith) 12/23/1810. His residence was next s. of his shop. His estate settled 1832 had inventory of $20,037.68; by his second marriage he had son Timothy, born 10/15/1811, died at Belvidere, Mich., 11/24/1837; following the settlement of the est. of his father, Asa, Timothy mortgaged & sold all of his property.

REFERENCES:
This house is pictured on page 21 of the Farmington Book as the "Deacon Simeon Hart place -- Residence of George F. Miles". It shows as E. E. Warren on the 1869 Baker and Tilden Atlas. A portion of the house also shows on the photo of F. L. Scott's delivery wagon on page 78, with Mr. Skoglund driving.

The house is said to have been built in 1720 or earlier, for John Wadsworth, inherited by Asahel Wadsworth in 1769 from his father Captain William Wadsworth, the land having been in the family since 1660.

William Wadsworth, the Emigrant, appears never to have lived in Farmington, but did own some land, according to Mrs. Hurlburt in "Town Clerks" on page 378. She says this land was "from the point of present Colton Street and Main Street west to the river", and it was given to his son John. Then "in 1665 John recorded as his own several pieces of land bounded by highway north (Colton Street) highway south (Hatter's Lane) and Main Street". This was William's son John, who lived at 107 Main Street, father of the John who would have built this house.

The Wadsworth genealogy to this point is:

William Wadsworth, the Emigrant
First wife, mother of John, name unknown

John Wadsworth, born ca 1625, in England
m. Sarah Stanley

John Wadsworth, 1662-1718

It seems that if John did build the house, that it would have had to be prior to 1718, unless the date of his death was misstated. John Wadsworth was married to Elizabeth Stanley and she was the mother of all his children, but died in 1713. The next year he was married to the Widow Gridley, the former Mary Humphries. Nothing appears to have been written in the history books regarding this John Wadsworth, so we assume that he was occupied with his own business, but if this was farming we do not know what land he tilled. The Wadsworth holdings were already large however, large enough to keep several people busy. John's seven children were:

Sarah 1697-1786
Elizabeth 1700-infancy
John 1702-1760
Daniel 1704-1747
Lydia 1706
Ruth 1711
Mary 1713-infancy

Sarah married Captain Samuel Cowles of the fourth generation in Farmington, son of Samuel, grandson of Samuel, and great-grandson of John Cowles the Settler. Capt. Cowles, 1692-1777, moved with his family to Kensington. One of his sons was Asahel Cowles who served in the Revolutionary War under Farmington's Col. Noadiah Hooker.

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John, born in 1702, married Eunice Porter and had three children; Thomas, Lydia 1743-1813, and Ruth 1750-1818. Thomas married a Gridley and lived in New York. Of the two daughters we know nothing. John died in 1760.

Daniel, born in 1704, was graduated from Yale in 1726, married Abigail Talcott, daughter of Governor Talcott. He became a minister in Hartford. Of his six children two died young, three were girls of whom there is no record of marriage. His son Jeremiah however, who lived in the family estate in Hartford, married Mehitable Russell. He was a colonel, probably in the Revolution, as he lived until 1804. A daughter of Col. Jeremiah, Catherine, married a Gen. Nathaniel Terry, a congressman.

[...]

Asa Andrews purchased the house sometime prior to 1826, because in 1826 it was deeded by him to his daughter Abigail, who was then the wife of young Deacon Simeon Hart. See more regarding Asa Andrews in accounts of 93 Main Street, his own home, and 99 Main Street, his tinsmith shop. His own home was occupied by him from the time of its construction in 1804, until his death in 1831, when he left it to his son Timothy Andrews.

It appears that Timothy Andrews and Deacon Simeon Hart traded houses in 1835, four years after Asa Andrews died. In any event, Simeon Hart took title to 93 Main Street by quitclaim deed from Timothy Andrews in 1835, and Timothy took title to 101 Main Street in the same manner and in the same year, from Mr. Hart. Timothy was the son of Asa by his second wife Nancy Bidwell. He died in Belvidere, Michigan in 1837, very shortly after having sold this house to Amos L. Collins.

George Cook purchased in 1842 from Amos Collins. Nothing is known of either of these two men.

E. E. Warren and Giles Stillman purchased from George Cook in 1842. Giles Stillman lived with his family in the house next door, the former tin shop at 99 Main Street, which he and Mr. Warren also owned jointly. In 1846 Mr. Stillman gave up his interest in #101 in return for Mr. Warren's interest in #99, leaving each as full owner of the house he occupied. See more regarding Mr. Stillman in the account of 99 Main Street.

Edward E. Warren was married on December 7, 1842, to Sarah Ann Stillman, daughter of Giles Stillman and his wife Sally Loveland. Their son Charles was born in 1848.

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Julius Gay had introduced this house on page 19 of the Farmington Book, starting with these words: "The next house, from which the stage coach goes its daily rounds...". He mentioned this because Edward Warren was the stage driver and kept the stagecoach to the rear of this house. Russell Lee Jones, in his "Memories of Farmington", tells of his family's arrival in Farmington in 1876 as follows:

"Mr. Edward Warren, the stage driver, with the assistance of the baggage master, piled the trunks on the stage rack, buckling down the leather flap with the broad leather straps, announced that he was ready to start, and we four children scrambled up on top to begin the ride down the hill, across the beautiful meadows, over the Pequabuck River and up the hill into the main street of the lovely village of Farmington."

There is a photo of the stage coach on page 21 of the Farmington Book, but the photo was taken a little south of here, with the Vorce house at 127 Main Street in the background.

In 1889 Julius Gay took title to this house, and in the same year he transferred it to Lucretia Warren, probably the widow of Edward Warren. Harold Risley remembered Mrs. Warren as having been a very good friend of his mother, the former Anna Blakesley.

Timothy McCarthy purchased the house on the last day of 1900 from the estate of Lucretia Warren. The McCarthys lived here but a short while, after making various renovations, and when an offer was made which they felt they could not turn down, they sold the house. The McCarthys had moved here from the Norton house, across from the bank, and moved from here back to the Norton house after they sold.

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The sale of this house by Mr. McCarthy was in 1901, to the Estate of James Bolter. Major James Bolter was the first president of what is now the Hartford National Bank. Occupants of the house during this ownership were Dr. and Mrs. John Bagg Griggs, Mrs. Griggs being the former Mary Ellen Bolter, granddaughter of the above-mentioned Major Bolter. Mrs. Griggs' father, James Bolter, Jr., had died in India prior to this time.

Dr. and Mrs. Griggs had lived for a time in the house at 41 Main Street, which they had rented, and where their son John Bolter Griggs, had been born. A daughter Anne was born while they lived in this second house. She is now Mrs. Douman-Burns, living in Estoril, Portugal. Dr. Griggs served as a general practitioner here in Farmington until 1903, moving then to Stamford. Mrs. Griggs died there in 1905 and Dr. Griggs married Valina Dascomb of Stamford. They moved to Hartford in 1907 and their son John remembers the opening of the Bulkley Bridge the next year. Dr. Griggs was an internist, practicing until around 1917, at which time he and Dr. Heublein became associated in the first X-ray laboratory in Hartford. Dr. Griggs is now deceased, his widow making her home in Watch Hill, R. I., wintering in Nokomis, Florida. Note -- The name Dascomb, above, should perhaps read Daskam.

John Bolter Griggs is also a doctor. After being graduated from Yale in 1922 and Yale Medical School in 1926, he interned in general medicine in Providence, R. I., and in pediatrics at Massachusetts General in Boston. He practiced pediatrics in Hartford from about 1930. He married Kathryn Luther of West Hartford and they had two children. Kendrick Luther Griggs, married and with three children, is a practicing neurologist in Palos Verdes, California. The present wife of Dr. John B. Griggs is the former Josephine Newton of Hartford. He was in active practice as a pediatrician until 1969 when he dropped his work in Hartford Hospital, then fully retired in 1970. He and his wife presently reside on a hill with a beautiful green view in Canton, Connecticut.

Dr. Griggs has kept in touch with Farmington and many of its residents and has pleasant memories of his early associations here, not of his childhood, but of his youth and early adult life. He was a special friend of Charles Foster, the artist of Mountain Road, and saw him often until his death in 1932.

An uncle of Dr. Griggs, his father's brother Maitland Griggs, married Caroline Cowles Lee, daughter of Charles Northam Lee of 31 Main Street. He was later a practicing New York City attorney, residing in Ardsley-on-Hudson, where his son Maitland Lee Griggs, now lives.

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Dr. Griggs died in Hartford on December 3, 1972. The following is quoted from his obituary in the Courant: "He (Dr. Griggs) was on the staff of University-McCook Hospital, Hartford Dispensary and Children's Village in his early practice. He served on the medical staff of the Newington Children's Hospital more than 25 years, starting in 1933. He served as chief of the Hartford Hospital Pediatrics Department from 1951 to 1959, and was chief emeritus at the time of his death. He was a member of the Hartford and Connecticut medical societies, the Hartford County Medical Assn. and the New England Pediatrics Society. He was state chairman in the American Academy of Pediatrics from 1951 to 1953 and he was a member of the New England Society of Allergy".

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** On June 15, 1974, Peter Daskam Griggs, son of Mrs. Loring Griggs, was married to Susan Mary Sammataro of Westerly, Rhode Island.
The next purchaser of the house was Amelia M. Miles on February 13, 1905, who bought from the estate of the late James Bolter. Amelia Miles, 1854-1925, was the former Amelia Rudolph, and was the wife of George F. Miles, 1855-1923, who was the son of Isaac F. Miles and Rebecca Gallagher, of the house now known as 37 Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. George Miles moved here from the Finnegans house pictured on page 88 of the Farmington Book, which had stood about on the site of the present house at 11 Main Street, the Norwegian Gift Shop.

George Miles was a butcher and had his shop in a long building to the rear of this house, a shed-like building, one third of which was an ice house. He peddled meat around the town on certain days, with a horse and buggy. It has been said that a butcher working for Miles, and peddling meat, was on Town Farm Road during a flood, got out of the wagon, and was washed away and drowned.

This house was used sometimes as a duplex, and Mrs. John Leopard is said to have lived here after her husband's death in 1908, and until her own in 1919.

George and Amelia Miles had twin daughters, Jennie and Louisa, born in 1880. Jennie died in 1903, unmarried. Louisa, who lived until 1939, married Frederick Foster Blinn. Mr. and Miles took in and reared Isaac F. Miles III, born in 1894, son of George's brother John. Isaac learned the butcher trade from his uncle and lived his working life in Thomaston. See 37 Main Street for more on all branches of the Miles family.

Louisa Miles was married in the early 1900's to Frederick Foster Blinn, 1876-1920, who worked as maintenance man for Miss Porter's School, and was known as a jack-of-all-trades. They made their home for some time in this house, but lived most of their married life at 3 Maiden Lane. They had four children.

Edna, born in 1909, lived only six months,

Marie married I. Laird Newell of Wethersfield, who was to become the President of Souther Engineering Company of Hartford, and had one son, Isaac Laird Newell, Jr., Marie is a former executive secretary,

Laura, born in 1904, married a Mr. Schatz, later was divorced. She lives in Hartford, employed most of her life by Trinity College, as secretary to the president and also as librarian, and

George Fowler Blinn, who married Mary Agnes Rossvall of 11 Maiden Lane. See next page.
George Fowler Blinn, who as a boy was a pal of Paul Brandegee, married Mary Agnes Rossvall of 11 Maiden Lane, the daughter of William Rossvall and Gertrude C. Hartigan. When first married, in 1933, they lived with George's mother in a small house on Carrington Lane which she had inherited upon the death of her mother in 1925. Upon her death in 1939 George Blinn and his family moved to 1105 Farmington Avenue, to a house which they purchased from Alfonso Akutowicz on August 23, 1939.

In 1955 their section of Farmington was entirely surrounded by the water of the 1955 flood, and it was an experience they never wished to go through again. Mr. Blinn was employed by the Hartford Electric Light Company in 1943, in Hartford, and in 1957 he was offered a promotion to supervisor with headquarters to be in the new Wethersfield building. He gladly accepted and on August 8, 1957, they sold their Farmington home to Edward and Salome Raig. They moved from Farmington to Beverly Road in Wethersfield, a good move, but they still miss their close association with Farmington. Their old home is now occupied by Harold K. Pelton who operates there the Red Wagon Antique Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Blinn have five children: George, Nancy, William, Thomas and Susan.

George Frederick Blinn lives at home,
Nancy Louise is now Mrs. John Brian Gaffney, and they live in New Britain,
William Alan's wife is Rae Ann Rock. They and their children reside in Columbus, Ohio,
Thomas Miles, whose wife is Linda Todd, lives in California, where
Susan Laura studies art, and lives with her brother Tom and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miles sold the house at 101 Main Street in 1920 to Agnes K. Curtin and they purchased a house on Carrington Lane, much smaller, to which they took their daughter Louisa and her children, as Frederick Foster Blinn had died earlier that year, only 44 years of age.

George Miles died in 1923 and his widow lived for a time with George's younger brother Edward in Glastonbury. This is well remembered by the Edward Miles daughters, because an eclipse of the sun and an earthquake, that in Japan, happened in that same year. Where she lived her last years is not known, but probably at Carrington Lane. She died in 1925.

It is possible, but does not seem likely, that the Curtins lived here for a short while, as they had just the previous year purchased the house at 184 Main Street, which was their residence for many years. Mrs. Curtin, the former Agnes Keller, was the daughter of George A. Keller. See more on the Curtin family in the account of 184 Main Street.

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The house at 101 Main Street was purchased later in the year 1920 by Carolyn W. Glass, the wife of Edgar T. Glass, who was in the investment business. He had the house altered and renovated. A butler's pantry, two maids' rooms and a bath were added, but the basic structure was not greatly changed.

Anna P. Allen, wife of Clinton L. Allen, an officer of the Aetna Insurance Company, purchased the property for their use, in 1928. Mr. Allen later became president of Aetna. The big room which the Sherpicks now use as a living room, was lined with floor boards from the attic, boards of magnificent old wood. This room was formerly two rooms, a music room in the front and a dining room in the rear, both with lovely big fireplaces, in fact enormous fireplaces.

When Mrs. Allen died Mr. Allen moved to Hartford, and later re-married. After his death his widow came to Farmington and lived in a garden apartment on Garden Street, later re-marrying.

This house was purchased from Mr. Allen in 1946 by Henry P. Latham and his wife, the former Lallie Watkins. Henry Palmer Latham, born in Willimantic in 1897, was the son of Edwin B. Latham and Jane Palmer, and was an insurance executive. He died in December 1955.

The widowed Mrs. Latham sold this house in 1957 and in 1959 married Edward H. Deming, Jr., of 7 Maiden Lane, a widower. After Mr. Deming's death in August 1962, Mrs. Deming moved to West Hartford, but presently lives near her daughter, in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Mary T. Sherpick purchased this house in 1957 and she and her husband, Dr. William E. Sherpick, and family, are the present occupants.

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Present owners and occupants of this house are Dr. William E. and Mary T. Sherpick.

Dr. William Edwards Sherpick, born in New York City, is the son of Eugene Arthur Sherpick and Nelle Virginia Edwards. The elder Mr. Sherpick, also born in New York City, spent his early youth in Middletown, New York. A graduate of Columbia University and its Law School, he practiced in New York City. He was active in civic affairs in New York, Scarsdale and Shelter Island, where they lived at various times. He was president of the New York Bar Association and law partner of Judge Harold Medina. Miss Nelle Edwards, born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, was a graduate of Barnard College.

Mary T. Sherpick is the former Mary Jordan Taylor, born in Middletown, New York, daughter of Rainey Startup Taylor and Irene Crosby Jordan. Rainey Taylor, born in Middletown, served in the American Field Service in France during World War I, was graduated from Princeton and the N. Y. U. Law School, and practiced in Middletown. Active in civic affairs he served in the N. Y. State legislature six years in the early 1930's. Mrs. Taylor, also born in Middletown, attended Smith College and was active in community life.

Dr. William Edwards Sherpick attended Scarsdale schools, Exeter Academy of New Hampshire, Haverford College and Columbia University College of Surgeons and Physicians. He interned at Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, and in Hartford Hospital, and practices in Farmington, being associated, as a surgeon, with Hartford Hospital.

Mary Sherpick was educated in Abbott Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, Briarcliff Junior College and Tufts University. She taught Physical Education for a time at Miss Porter's School before her marriage.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Sherpick are interested in local activities. He is a member of Farmington's Exchange Club, and she of its Garden Club and school parents' groups. Both are especially active and interested in the Farmington Recreation Association, largely for the following four reasons:

Sarah, in Oxford School, going to MPS fall 1973,
Elizabeth, in Oxford School,
Mary, in Noah Wallace, going to Oxford fall 1973, and
Ann, in Noah Wallace.

In 1964 the Sherpicks enclosed a small open porch on the south side of the house. In 1968 they built an addition to the northeast corner, an addition which gave them more interior space but did not greatly change the appearance from the street. Two old fireplaces are still operative in the house, one in the living room and one in the dining room.

March 6, 1973