The Timothy Hart Root House stands along the west side of Colton Street near its intersection with Main Street and Carrington Lane. The surrounding residential neighborhood contains a variety of architectural styles including Colonial, Georgian, Colonial Revival, as well as modern residences. This area is contained within the boundaries of Farmington's National Register Historic District.
Built in 1921, this Colonial Revival-style dwelling is capped with a hip-on-gable roof. The five-bay facade exhibits a central, classical doorway with three-paned sidelights, a segmental arch with slight cornice returns and modest corner pilasters. Note the second-story shed-roof dormers and six-over-one sash. A brick chimney rises from the center of the roof.

Timothy Hart Root built this house in 1921 as a retirement home on land he purchased from Adrian R. Wadsworth (FLR 80:230, 289, 397). Born in Farmington to Samuel and Catherine (Winship) Root, Timothy (1853-1931) was engaged in farming throughout most of his life. In 1918 he was elected president of the Farmington Savings Bank, a position he held until his death in 1931. Root's first wife was the former Lillian Sperry, a school teacher and librarian. Upon her death in 1926, he married May Isabelle (Laubenstein) Woodford, the widow of Watson Woodford. In 1925 Root sold the house to Otto Nelson and moved to a new house further south on Colton Street (FLR 80:580). Born in Marjeholen, Sweden, Nelson married Aurelia Carlson of Eslof, Sweden in 1904. He had formerly been employed as a mail carrier and groundskeeper at the Farmington Country Club. The Nelson family retained ownership of the property until 1944 (FLR 95:231).

Relatively unaltered since its construction, the Timothy Hart Root House stands as a good example of early twentieth-century domestic architecture.

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