1. BUILDING NAME (Common)  Sanford & Hawley Cottage #4

2. TOWN CITY VILLAGE COUNTY
   Farmington Unionville Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or, location)
   25 Cottage Street

4. OWNER(S)
   Celentano, Mark

5. USE (Present)  Residence
   (Historic)  Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
   EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD  INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE
   Yes  Yes
   No  No

7. STYLE OF BUILDING
   Nineteenth-century vernacular with Stick-style influence
   ca. 1887

8. MATERIALS (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
   [ ] Clapboard
   [ ] Wood Shingle
   [ ] Board & Batten
   [ ] Aluminum Siding
   [ ] Wood Frame
   [ ] Load bearing masonry

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
   [ ] Gable
   [ ] Gambrel
   [ ] Wood Shingle
   [ ] Asphalt shingle

10. ROOF
    [ ] Flat
    [ ] Mansard
    [ ] Shed
    [ ] Hip
    [ ] Round
    [ ] Roll
    [ ] Asbestos Shingles

11. NUMBER OF STORIES
    2

12. CONDITION (Describe)

13. INTEGRITY
    [ ] On original site
    [ ] Moved

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
    [ ] Barn
    [ ] Carriage house
    [ ] Open land
    [ ] Commercial

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
    [ ] Woodland
    [ ] Scattered buildings visible from site

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
    This house faces east onto Cottage Street. It is bordered by a construction company on the southwest and other commercial buildings to the south.
This late nineteenth-century Stick-style house features a cross-plan with steeply pitched gables, corner brackets, and overhanging eaves highlighted by delicately patterned bargeboards and king post trusses. The gable ends each display a triangular attic vent and imbricated shingles above second-story paired windows. A course of diagonal siding and board and batten runs from the gable ends along the sides under the eaves. The gable-to-street east wing has a first story, shed-roofed bay window and is symmetrically balanced by two shed-roofed side entry porches with diamond patterned trellis underneath. Second-story wall dormers with shed roofs lie directly above the porches. The south wing also has a first-story bay window and second-story paired windows. There are two interior chimneys.

### Historical or Architectural Importance

The ½ acre lot on which this house was built was originally part of a six-acre tract of land stretching along the west side of West Avon Road to Farmington Avenue in Unionville. In 1850 E.K. Hamilton purchased this tract which included a section of the raceways, Roaring Brook, and the accompanying water power to operate his button factory (later hook and eye) (FLR 51:254). When his son James E. Hamilton sold this land with buildings to Sherman and Frank Sanford in February in 1884, the northern section on Avon Road probably remained undeveloped (FLR 68:86). Sherman (b. 1835) had moved to Unionville in 1861 where he ran a successful logging and lumber business. He was eventually joined in partnership by his nephew Frank. They purchased this land in 1885 and established their headquarters at the intersection of West Avon Road and Farmington Avenue. When Sherman retired that same year, Frank was joined by his brother-in-law C.R. Hawley and the business became known as Sanford & Hawley. They were responsible for building several houses on Cottage Street and the access road. This house, built between 1884 and 1887, resembles the house of Frank and Marion Hawley (71 Lovely Street) which was built earlier.

Sherman and Frank sold this lot in 1887 to Almira Peck (FLR 68:330) who died in 1911 leaving the property for sale. It was then purchased by Elizabeth Doyle (FLR 74:226).

This house is historically significant due to its associations with the Sanford family and their lumber business.

### Sources


### Photograph Information

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### Subsequent Field Evaluations

- **Threats to Building or Site**
  - ☒ None known
  - ☐ Highways
  - ☐ Vandalism
  - ☐ Developers
  - ☐ Other
  - ☐ Renewal
  - ☐ Private
  - ☐ Deterioration
  - ☐ Zoning
  - ☐ Explanation