This house faces east onto Cottage Street in a neighborhood with houses displaying similar features. From the rear can be seen the berm of one of Unionville's small industrial canals which formed a part of the Farmington canal system of 1828.
This nineteenth-century Stick-style house has steeply-pitched crossing gables and a dual pitched pyramidal roof. The bracketed gable ends with exposed rafters are embellished with quatrefoil cutwork bargeboards. The east gable-to-street wing exhibits imbricated shingles in the gable end above two second story one-over-one sash. A narrow band of patterned wood runs the perimeter of the house at the second story sill level. The first story exhibits a bay window with a shed roof joined to a hip roof. The Stick-style entry porch with main entrance is at the first-floor level of the tower. There is one tall exterior chimney on the north elevation.

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 with a section of the raceway at Roaring Brook where he established his button and later, hook and eye factories (FLR 51:254). When his son James E. Hamilton sold this land to the partnership of Sherman and Frank Sanford in February of 1884, the northern section probably remained undeveloped (FLR 68:86). Sherman (b. 1835, Avon) and his nephew Frank (1853-1923, b. Avon) owned a business in which Frank acted as a dealer in lumber, hardware, and building materials. That same year Sherman retired and Frank, who married Marion Hawley in 1883, was joined by his brother-in-law C.R. Hawley. The business became known as Sanford & Hawley with its headquarters at the corner of West Avon Road and Farmington Avenue. The northern section was divided into ½ acre lots, and an access road (Cottage Street) was built. Sanford & Hawley erected most of the houses on these lots and sold them; however, this house differs in plan and features from the firm's other homes. Sherman and Frank sold this property to Wooster and Jane S. Hotchkiss in January of 1886; three months later George H. Woodin purchased it and mortgaged it back to the Hotchkisses (FLR 68:210, 68:222, 68:233). George (b. 1860, Stockbridge, Massachusetts), a joiner by trade, had recently wed the widow Ella (Wetherell) Root and they probably resided in a house on the adjacent Lot (#37). He sold the property in June of 1887 to Charles Heacox for $3,300 (FLR 68:310). George probably built this house between 1886 and 1887. By 1908 Charles had relocated...
to Schenectady, New York and the property was sold to John McMahon (FLR 77:224).

Because of its tower, the house is an interesting example of late nineteenth century Stick-style architecture which contributes to the historic character of the neighborhood.