This house faces east onto Cottage Street in a neighborhood of homes on small lots, some similar in design. A hill and woods lie to the west. Directly behind the house to the west is the berm of the 1828 canal raceway at Roaring Brook.
This late nineteenth-century Stick-style house features a cross plan and interior chimney. Its steeply pitched gables with overhanging eaves exhibit corner brackets, exposed rafter and embellished truss. The gable ends have second story paired windows and diamond-shaped attic vents. The gable-to-street wing displays a first story bay with shed roof which is symmetrically balanced by two enclosed side-entry porches also with shed roof.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

The half acre lot on which this house was built was originally part of a six acre tract of land purchased by E.K. Hamilton in 1850 and stretching along the west side of West Avon Road to Farmington Avenue in Unionville (FLR 51:254). The section of raceway and Roaring Brook running across this land powered E.K. Hamilton's button (later hook and eye) factory. When his son James E. Hamilton sold this land and buildings to Sherman and Frank Sanford in 1884, the northern section probably remained undeveloped (FLR 68:86). Sherman (b. 1835, Avon) had moved to Unionville in 1861 where he ran a successful logging and lumber business. He was eventually joined in a partnership with his nephew Frank (1853-1923), son of Edmund and Mary E. (Tillotson) Sanford, with Frank acting as a dealer in lumber, hardware, and building materials. Frank married Marion Hawley (b. 1851, Avon) in 1883 and left the family homestead in Avon the following year to settle in Unionville. When Sherman retired in 1884 Frank was joined by his brother-in-law C.R. Hawley and they established their headquarters on land purchased that year by Sherman and Frank at the corner of West Avon Road and Farmington Avenue. Their firm, Sanford & Hawley is accountable for subdividing the northern sector of this property into half acre lots, building an access road (Cottage Street), and erecting numerous homes similar in plan and style. The lot at #43 Cottage Street was sold with buildings in 1885 to Adna M. (Watrous) Hart (FLR 68:192). Sanford and Hawley built the house between 1884-1885. After Adna and Walter L. Hart died in 1921 the property passed to their daughter Mabel Hart (FLR 74:375). (see cont. pg.)

**SOURCES**

The present home preserves some of its Stick-style features and remains a historical reminder of Sanford and Hawley's important contribution in the late nineteenth-century to the development of Unionville.