Facing south onto Farmington Avenue, the Gertrude and Richard Saling House is located in the eastern portion of Unionville village. Modern commercial buildings border the property to the east although the surrounding neighborhood primarily contains single- and multifamily dwellings of similar vintage.
Oriented gable-to-street, the Gertrude and Richard Saling House is one of Unionville's finest examples of the Bungalow style. The three-bay facade exhibits a full-length, open, triple-arched porch adorned with heavy stuccoed, tapered columns resting on massive piers and a solid stuccoed balustrade. The central entry door, which is embellished by a large oval pane of glass, is flanked to the right by a tripartite window and paired sashes to the left. One-over-one windows are found throughout the house. Capped with a low-pitched gable roof, the house features wide overhanging eaves with decorative extended rafters, a distinctive characteristic of this style. The east elevation displays a single story bay window and gable-roofed dormer both with extended rafters. An exterior stuccoed chimney and gable dormer highlight the west elevation. (see below)

This house was erected in 1916 for Richard and Gertrude Saling on land purchased from Joseph P. Tuttle and Antoinette Tuttle Smeaton (FLR 77:618). The building was constructed by the Parsons Brothers, a successful, local building firm, owned and operated by Mrs. Saling's uncles. Born in Germany, Saling (1891-1945) was the son of Edward and Marie (Albusbeger) Saling. A mechanic by trade, he owned and operated the Saling Garage and later established the Saling Manufacturing Company in 1943, which manufactured tools including hammer wedges. In 1914 Saling married school teacher, Gertrude Porter (b.1892), a daughter of Sheldon and Cora A. (Parsons) Porter of Unionville. In 1959, the Salings' youngest daughter, Lucille May S. Burk (b.1919) received the property from her mother's estate (FLR 146:11), and it remains in her possession today.

A unique example of the Bungalow style, this house is typical of the small, single-family home which was erected throughout the country in the first decades of the twentieth-century.