Facing north onto Farmington Avenue, the Alanson Brockett House sits in a densely populated residential neighborhood composed of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century dwellings. The Farmington River borders the property to the south and a similar 2 1/2 story, wood frame dwelling stands on a lot just to the west.
This ridge-to-street nineteenth-century vernacular-style, two-family dwelling was built around 1885. The symmetrical, three-bay facade exhibits central paired entry doors enhanced by a decorative bracketed doorhood and paired two-over-two sash. Matching single story eaves extend from the east and west elevations and both feature a small, open entry porch adorned with decorative brackets and lattice skirting. A small brick chimney rises from the center of the house.

In May of 1882 Alanson Brockett of Burlington purchased this parcel of land from Martin L. Parsons and others (FLR 66:197; 64:576). Although an exact construction date cannot be determined, we know Brockett built the house between 1882 and 1896 when he willed the land "with a double dwelling house" to his sons, Manzer and Ulysses C. Brockett (FLR 70:670). Little is known about Alanson Brockett except that he resided in Burlington with his wife Adeline and raised three children. It appears that Manzer, the eldest son, remained in Burlington and raised bees while Ulysses lived in the house in Unionville. In 1919 Manzer sold his half interest in the property to Ulysses (FLR 80:75). Born in Burlington, Ulysses Grant Brockett (1868-1945) was a painter and papermaker. He was married to Lucy Anne Moore of Mt. Zuma, New York, and they raised three sons; Gideon, Grant, and William. In 1945, shortly after Ulysses' death, the property was sold to his daughter-in-law, Esther (Zaugg) Brockett, wife of Grant (FLR 99:126). In 1946 Esther quit-claimed the house to her husband (FLR 93:304) but she inherited it upon his death in 1981 (FLR 288:552).

This well-preserved, simply-detailed two-family dwelling makes a significant contribution to the historic character of Farmington Avenue.