### Historical Resources Inventory

**Building and Structures**

**State of Connecticut**

**Connecticut Historical Commission**

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

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**Identification**

1. **Building Name (Common)**
   - Porter, Sheldon H., House

2. **Town City Village County**
   - Farmington Unionville Hartford

3. **Street and Number (and or location)**
   - 1736 Farmington Avenue

4. **Owner(s)**
   - Kimberly, Cora P. and Powers, Mae

5. **Use (Present)**
   - Residential

6. **Accessibility to Public**
   - Exterior visible from public road: Yes
   - Interior accessible to public: Yes

7. **Date of Construction**
   - 1900

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**Description**

8. **Material(s) (indicate use or location when appropriate)**
   - (Specify)
     - Brick
     - Fieldstone
     - Other

9. **Structural System**
   - Load bearing masonry
     - Structural iron or steel

10. **Roof (Type)**
    - Gable
      - Flat
      - Mansard
      - Monitor
      - Round
      - Other

11. **Number of Stories**
    - 2½

12. **Condition**
    - Excellent
    - Good
    - Fair
    - Deteriorated

13. **Integrity**
    - On original site: Yes
    - Moved: No

14. **Related Outbuildings or Landscape Features**
    - Barn
    - Shed
    - Garage
    - Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)

15. **Surrounding Environment**
    - Open land
      - Woodland
      - Residential
      - Scattered buildings visible from site

16. **Interrelationship of building and surroundings**

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Situated on the north side of Farmington Avenue, the Sheldon H. Porter House sits on a small open lot. The house is trimmed with well-groomed shrubs. Surrounding dwellings date from the mid-nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century. The Yodkins-Morin Memorial Park is located across the street.
The Sheldon H. Porter House is a relatively simple Domestic-style dwelling utilizing an "L-shaped" floor plan. Situated in the "L" formed by the gable and wing is an enclosed single-story entry porch highlighted with sidelights and transom around the door. Lattice work trims the base of the porch. The first story is constructed of brick in the common bond pattern. Sided in wood shingles, the framed second story features a slightly flared base. Note the wooden belt course between the first and second floors. The first-story one-over-one sash are capped by a relieving arch of headers. The facade gable end features a small square window, overhanging eaves and ornate corner brackets. Extended rafters are found beneath the eaves. The gable end on the west elevation exhibits a small rectangular window and similar decorative corner brackets.


Born in Farmington, Porter was the son of Alpheus and Mary (Hatch) Porter. In 1878 he married Cora A. Parsons (1853-1933), the daughter of Martin L. and Georgia (Thompson) Parsons of Unionville. The Porters are recorded as having four children: Carrie L. (b.1881), Carlton Altheu (b. 1886), Charles (b.1885), and Gertrude (b. 1891). In 1929 upon the death of Sheldon, the house was devised to his widow, Cora (FLR 74:508). Mrs. Porter resided here until her death in 1933. The house remains in the Porter family.

Simple in design, the Sheldon H. Porter House makes a significant contribution to the overall streetscape of Farmington Avenue.

Sources:
- Farmington Land Records
- Farmington Probate Records
- Farmington Vital Records
- Farmington Cemetery Inscriptions, W.P.A., 1934
- Avon Cemetery Inscriptions, W.P.A., 1934
- 1853 E.M. Woodford Map
- 1855 E.M. Woodford Map
- 1869 Baker and Tilden Map
- 1878 O.H. Bailey & Co. Map