**Building Name:** Scantlin, John, House  
**Town:** Farmington  
**County:** Hartford  
**Street and Number:** 1755 Farmington Avenue  
**Owner:** Brooks, David C.  
**Use Present:** Residence  
**Accessibility:** Exterior visible from public road yes, interior accessible yes  
**Setting:** Residence  
**Material:** Wood frame, balloon  
**Structural System:** Wood frame  
**Number of Stories:** 2  
**Approximate Dimensions:** 26 x 34; 21 x 12; 22 x 24  
**Condition:** Excellent  
**Integrity:** X Good, Deteriorated  
**Reliant Outbuildings or Landscape Features:** Barn, Carriage house, Siding, modernized attached garage  
**Surrounding Environment:** Open land, Wood, Residential, Scattered buildings visible from site  

Set fairly close to the street, the John Scantlin House faces north onto Farmington Avenue. The Yodkins-Morin Park, a memorial to the victims of the 1955 flood, borders the property to the east. The Farmington River lies on the southern boundary of the lot. The encompassing neighborhood contains a variety of Italianate-, Queen Anne-, Colonial Revival- and Domestic-style dwellings built in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
This three-bay, gable-to-street Colonial Revival-style dwelling was erected about 1899. The facade exhibits a full-length, single-story open veranda embellished with turned posts, cutwork brackets and a spindlework frieze. Throughout the house most of the one-over-one sash are capped with a "detailed" swag and projecting cornice. The fully-pedimented gable end displays an elaborate Palladian window with decorative cornices and keystone. The west elevation exhibits a cross gable with a two-story cutaway bay window and fully-pedimented gable end. The east elevation features a gable roof dormer and a modern second-story porch which connects the house with the hip-roofed garage. A rear ell extends from the south elevation.

John Scantlin built this house around 1899 on land he purchased from Norman S. Gridley in July of that same year (FLR 71:435). A native of Hartford, Scantlin (1830-1910) was the son of English immigrant John Scantlin and Abigail (Riggs) Scantlin, a native of Westfield, Massachusetts. Employed as a wood-turner, Scantlin served in the Civil War as a sergeant in Company K of Connecticut's 25th Regiment. His wife was the former Anna E. Hotchkiss (1836-1931). Upon Mr. Scantlin's death in 1910 the dwelling house was willed to his wife (FPR 31:107). The will further stipulated "that in case my wife should die before myself or if we should die at the same time, I give to Rosanna E. Whitney, the lady who was reared in my family and considered by me as an adopted daughter although no legal adoption was ever completed, the use and income of all my property during her natural life" (FPR 31:107). In 1910 Edward C. Bell purchased the property from Mrs. Scantlin (FLR 74:314) and the estate of John Scantlin (FLR 74:226). The house remained in the Bell family until 1927.

Although the house has been re-sided it retains many original features that are characteristic of the Colonial Revival style and enhances the overall character of the neighborhood.