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1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic) Pope, Theodate, House #3

2. TOWN CITY VILLAGE COUNTY Farmington

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location) 181 Garden Street

4. OWNER(S) Delaney, Helen S. (life use) and Wadsworth, Mary D.

5. USE (Present) Two-family residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road Yes No □ Yes □ No

7. STYLE OF BUILDING Colonial Revival

8. MATERIALS (indicate use or location when appropriate)

   - □ Clapboard
   - □ Asbestos siding
   - □ Brick
   - □ Other (Specify)

   - □ Wood Shingle
   - □ Asphalt siding
   - □ Fieldstone

   - □ Board & Batten
   - □ Stucco
   - □ Cobblestone

   - □ Aluminum siding
   - □ Concrete
   - □ Cut stone
   - □ brownstone foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

   - □ Wood frame
   - □ Post and beam
   - □ Balloon
   - □ Other (Specify)

10. ROOF (Type)

    - □ Gable
    - □ Flat
    - □ Mansard
    - □ Monitor
    - □ Sawtooth

    - □ Gambrel
      - □ with saltbox
        - □ Material

    - □ Wood Shingle
    - □ Asphalt
    - □ Tin
    - □ Slate

    - □ Asphalt shingle
    - □ Built up
    - □ Tile
    - □ Other (Specify)

11. NUMBER OF STORIES 1½

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

   - □ Excellent
   - □ Good
   - □ Fair
   - □ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY - LOCATION WHEN ALTERATIONS

   - □ On original site
   - □ Moved
   - □ Yes □ No

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

   - □ Barn
   - □ Shed
   - □ Garage
   - □ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)

   - □ Carriage house
   - □ Shop
   - □ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

   - □ Open land
   - □ Residential
   - □ Scattered buildings visible from site

   - □ Commercial
   - □ Industrial
   - □ Rural
   - □ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Surrounded by other early twentieth-century residential buildings, the Theodate Pope Rental House #3 faces west onto Garden Street. The house sits on a small rectangular lot trimmed with shrubs and hedges. Farmington's historic district lies directly to the east and two similar rental homes border the lot to the north.
Built in 1914-15, this six-bay, Colonial Revival-style duplex displays a gambrel roof on the facade and a shallow, uninterrupted slope to the rear, giving it a "saltbox" configuration. The facade exhibits a wide roof overhang and two modest entry doors on the extreme ends. Note the original eight-over-eight sash and twin interior brick chimneys.

**Architect**

Theodate Pope

Architect Theodate Pope (1868-1946) erected this building and two similar dwellings in 1914-15 on land she purchased from James L. Cowles (FLR 77:109). Known as one of America's first women architects, Theodate Pope came to Farmington as a young woman to attend Miss Porter's School. Her parents Alfred and Ada (Brooks) Pope resided in Cleveland, where her father was president of the National Malleable Castings Company. Miss Pope remained in Farmington after her graduation and convinced her parents to move here from the midwest. It is said that she assisted the architect, Sanford White in designing her parents' home, Hill-Stead, which now serves as a historic house museum. Her training included an apprenticeship with professors at Princeton, and in 1916 she was certified as an architect by the University of the State of New York. Miss Pope maintained an office in Farmington, as well as one in New York City. Many of her buildings were designed in the traditional English style including Avon Old Farms School, in Avon. In 1947 this dwelling was sold to Helen S. Delaney and Anna R. McCahill (FLR 101:346).

This house contributes to the streetscape due to its unique style and association with architect, Theodate Pope.

**Sources**

OWNER’S NAME: DELANEY, HELEN S. & ANNA H. McCAHILL

ADDRESS: 181 Garden Street

DATE BUILT: 1914-15 FOR: Theodate Pope

ARCHITECT: Theodate Pope

MASTER-BUILDER: R.F. Jones, Inc.


REFERENCES:

OWNER AS OF: 1950

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