The Alessandre Speranza Duplex faces east onto Garden Street. It sits on a large lot with a shed and garage to the west.
The duplex features a steeply pitched roof with a jerkinhead dormer on the north and south elevations and a two-story enclosed porch. No detail is visible. Note the paired window in the gable end. Six-over-one sash exist throughout the house.

In 1910 Erastus and Grace C. Gay (m. 1867) sold a 3½ acre plot of land and a tenement (40 Garden Street) to Alessandre Speranza (FLR 77:290). Gay (1843-1912) had inherited the property in 1896 from his father William Gay, a wealthy and prominent Farmington citizen. Before Speranza sold the property to Laura D. Barney in 1913, he constructed a second tenement dwelling which is this house (FLR 77:462). Since that time it has passed to several owners.

The Alessandre Speranza Duplex contributes to the district due to its configuration as an early "double decker" and association with Farmington's Italian immigrants.

**Sources**

OWNER'S NAME: ANTIGIOVANNI, ATILIO

1950-res.

ADDRESS: 36 Garden Street

DATE BUILT: 1912 FOR: Alessandre Speranza

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