Standing on a slightly elevated site along the northern side of Hatters Lane, the Jessie Rice House is located in a residential neighborhood containing a variety of domestic dwellings dating from the eighteenth century to the present.
Although it was built in 1929, this Colonial Revival-style dwelling is reminiscent of an eighteenth-century, Colonial-period farmhouse. Oriented ridge-to-street, the three-bay facade displays a side-hall entrance protected by a small, partially open, shed-roof entry porch. Colonial-period details include the twelve-over-twelve sash, center brick chimney, the slight overhang between the first and second floor and the "saltbox" appearance of the rear roof line.

Miss Jessie Rice built this house in 1929 on land she acquired from Margaret M. Brady (FLR 85:491). Born in Springfield, Massachusetts to Henry C. and Jessie (Jameson) Rice, Jessie (1870-1949) came to Farmington with her family in 1887 after her father inherited the house at 37 Mountain Spring Road. Miss Rice was employed as a schoolteacher at the North District and West District schools. In 1917 upon the death of her father, Jessie helped her sister Agnes run the family business which manufactured calf weaners or muzzles. This house was built shortly after Miss Rice and her brother John sold the family homestead along Mountain Spring Road to Thomas Hewes. She lived here until 1948 when the house was sold to Walter and Mary Cake (FLR 102:201).

This dwelling is significant as an interesting twentieth-century interpretation of a Colonial-period farmhouse and for its contribution to the overall character of Farmington's historic district.
OWNER'S NAME: CAKE, WALTER & MARY S.

ADDRESS: 19 Hatters Lane

DATE BUILT: 1929 FOR: Miss Jessie Rice

ARCHITECT: Franklin A. Jones

MASTER-BUILDER:

FORMER OWNERS: Cake from Jessie M. Rice 6/28/1948, Vol. 102, p. 201

REFERENCES:

OWNER AS OF: 1950

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