This house is situated on a corner lot facing west onto Lovely Street. Its western and southern boundaries slope downhill to the street and neighboring property. The house is nestled among evergreen trees and bushes. A small shed lies to the rear.
This Colonial Revival-style house features three-bays, ridge-to-street orientation, and a bellcast-roofed entry porch supported by two corner columns, a modest balustrade, and fieldstone base. The first story of the west elevation features a wide front door and two large windows with two-over-two sash. A shed-roofed tripartite dormer with diagonal-paned upper sash lies above the porch. Flanking its sides are two gable-roofed dormers with six-over-one sash. A large fanlight adorns the gable ends on both the north and south elevations. The south elevation displays a one-story, gable-roofed addition, and the north elevation features a Colonial Revival-style, gable-roofed porch. The house has one brick chimney.

George W. Frisbie was born in New Hartford in 1846 to George and Mariette (Williams) Frisbie. He served in the Civil War as a Unionville volunteer between 1861-2. In 1868 George married Ella Hill (b. 1848), daughter of Albert W. and Angeline E. Hill. Ella died in 1882 leaving George with two sons. In 1899 George married his second wife, Mary Ripley, who was born about 1860 in Davenport, Iowa. In 1908 Mary Ripley Frisbie purchased land from the estate of Minnie (Hill) Colt, George's former sister-in-law (FLR 78:148). In 1910 George and Mary mortgaged the property now described with buildings, dating construction of the house between 1908 and 1910. George died in 1915, and in 1922 Mary sold the property to Phebe E. Lee (FLR 80:540).

The George W. Frisbie House contributes to the streetscape and is a good example of Colonial Revival-style architecture.
100 Lovely Street

Built: 1908-10 For: George & Mary Frisbie

--- est. Minnie Hill Colt
5-29-1908 Mary R. Frisbie
8-14-1922 Phebe E. Lee
8-3-1950 Donald B. & Evelyn A. Lee
10-14-1954 Edward J. & Arlene A. Quigley

This property was once part of the Hill farm; see 42 Lovely Street for history prior to 1908. In May 1908, Clara Hill Jewett, trustee for the estate of Minnie Hill Colt, sold this land to Mary Frisbie; the document (78-148) does not mention any buildings. About a week later Mary Frisbie bought a small triangle of land from G.A. Merriman, apparently to make the north line of her property become "the passway" (Merriman St.) (77-255). See Map 1 below. In May 1910 George & Mary Frisbie mortgaged this property "with buildings" to the Farmington Savings Bank (75-61). So the house was probably built between 1908 and 1910.

George Frisbie had married Ella Hill in 1868, about a year after her father Albert's death. George was the manager of the Hill farm, and it is said that the Frisbie's lived in the Hill homestead at 42 Lovely Street for many years. It seems logical that they did, along with Ella's mother Angeline and younger sister Minnie. Ella's other sister Clara had married George Jewett in 1866 and moved to Bridgeport. Then in 1882 Ella Hill Frisbie died, at the age of 34. George and their two children probably continued living at 42 Lovely Street. He did not remarry until 1899, then wed Mary Ripley. In the meantime, Angeline Hill had died in 1891 and Minnie Hill had married Luman Colt in 1896 and moved to Winchester.
In 1906 Minnie Hill Colt died; the only surviving sister, Clara Hill Jewett, acting as trustee for the estate, apparently decided to sell the farm in pieces. The first step was to have George and Mary Frisbie settled in a new house on the northwest corner of the farm property. Thus this house was built.

"George Frisbie was a veteran of the Civil War, passing through some of its most severe engagements and being on the list of those confined in Andersonville prison. After the war while others were telling how fields were lost or won Mr. Frisbie would remain a silent onlooker. On being asked why he preserved an attitude of such indifference when everyone was supposed to contribute their share of anecdotes, he remarked, "When I came home I went upstairs into the old garret, took off my knapsack, threw my gun into the corner and said: 'You lie there I've done with you now and forever.'" His view of war was shared by many a comrade whose only desire was to efface it forever from consciousness." (from "Farmington Town Clerks and Their Times", Mabel Hurlburt, p.336)

George Frisbie died in 1915. In 1918 Mary Frisbie sold the eastern half of this property, land with a barn and sheds, to Lulu Recor (80-27). See Map 2 below. Then in 1921 Mary Frisbie rented the house to Ward Parsons for a year (79-376), after which she sold the house to Phebe Lee (80-340).

Map 1 - 1908

Map 2 - 1918

Genealogy

George W. Frisbie: b. 2-16-1846 in New Hartford, son of George & Mariette Williams Frisbie; m. Ella Hill 9-2-1868; m. Mary Ripley 10-25-1899; d. 8-15-1915

Ella Hill Frisbie: b. 12-10-1848, daughter of Albert & Angeline Tiffany Hill; d. 1882

Junius - b. 2-21-1875, d. in infancy

Albert W. - b. 1876, m. Jennie Hallock 1-17-1906

Bonita B. - b. ---, m. Burpee (lived in Mt. Vernon, NY, in 1915)

Mary Ripley Frisbie: b. 1859/60 in Davenport, Iowa; d. ---