**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106

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**1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historical)**

Sanford-Tew House

**2. TOWN CITY**

Farmington

**VILLAGE**

Unionville

**COUNTY**

Hartford

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**3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)**

162-164 Lovely Street

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**4. OWNER(S)**

Devevo, Doris M.

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**5. USE (Present)**

Residence

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**6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC**

EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD

- Yes [X] No

INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE

- Yes [X] No

IF YES EXPLAIN

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**7. STYLE OF BUILDING**

Queen Anne

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**8. MATERIALS (Indicate use or location when appropriate)**

- Clapboard [X]
- Asbestos Siding
- Brick
- Other (Specify)

- Wood Shingle [ ]
- Asphalt Siding
- Fieldstone

- Board & Batten [ ]
- Stucco
- Cobblestone

- Aluminum Siding [X]
- Concrete [ ]
- Foundation

- Wood Shingle
- Brick
- Other (Specify)

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**9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM**

- Wood frame [X]
- Post and beam
- Balloon
- Other (Specify)

- Load bearing masonry
- Structural iron or steel

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**10. ROOF TYPE**

- Gable [X]
- Flat
- Mansard
- Monitor
- Sawtooth

- Gambrel [ ]
- Shed
- Hip
- Round
- Other (Specify)

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**11. NUMBER OF STORIES**

2

APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS

- 32 x 8, 30 x 24, 29 x 18, 20 x 20

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**12. CONDITION**

- Excellent
- Good [X]
- Fair
- Deteriorated

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**13. INTEGRITY**

- On original [X]
- Moved

- Yes
- No

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**14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES**

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

- Carriage House
- Shop
- Garden

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**15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT**

- Open land
- Wooded land
- Residential [X]
- Scattered buildings visible from site

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Rural
- High building density

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**16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS**

This house sits on the east side of Lovely Street. It is surrounded by houses built during the late nineteenth century. Tall pine trees block the visibility of the building's southwest elevation.
This Queen Anne-style building boasts gable and pyramidal roofs, typical of the style. Its most decorative feature is the open one-story veranda supported by turned posts and a modest balustrade. Note the one-over-one sash, not original to the building and the brick chimney which extends from the roof.

In 1896 Sherman Sanford (1835-1912) quit claimed ½ interest in this property "with a new dwelling house" to his son Edwin (FLR 71:237). Sherman became a successful lumber businessman and married Helen M. Humphrey (1841-1912), daughter of Luceus and Emeline (Judd) Humphrey, of Pennsylvania. They had five children. By 1902 his daughter Blanche had married Oliver C. Tew (1870-1943), an English immigrant. Tew worked for the Upson Nut Company, Bourne-Fuller, and later Republic Steel. Sherman Sanford sold them this property in 1902 (FLR 71:554). In 1915 the Tews sold the property to Alma H. Ramage of Holyoke, Massachusetts (FLR 77:568). A stockholder in the Union Cutlery and Hardware Company, who later served as its secretary and treasurer, moved to Florida after selling the property to Euphenus Burke in 1926 (FLR 80:695). Since that time, the house has been owned by several people.

The Sanford-Tew House contributes to the historic character of Unionville due to its retention of original details. It also has historical associations with the Sanford family.

Sources:
132 Lovely Street  
Built: 1896  
For: Sherman & Edwin Sanford

This house was built in 1896; when Sherman Sanford deeded a half-interest to his son Edwin in September of that year, the record states "with a new dwelling house" (71-237). Prior to that time, the land was part of the large property of Sherman Sanford; see 188-190 Lovely Street for prior history.

It is not known who lived here from 1896 until 1902; in that year the Sanfords sold it to another member of the family, Blanche Sanford Tew, and her husband Oliver. Blanche was Sherman's daughter and Edwin's younger sister. The Tews lived here until 1915, when they moved to a new house at 135 Lovely Street. Oliver Tew worked for Upson Nut Co., later Bourne-Fuller, later the Unionville Division of Republic Steel.

Owners

--- Sherman Sanford  
9-9-1896 Sherman & Edwin Sanford  
4-30-1902 Oliver & Blanche Sanford Tew  
5-14-1915 Alma H. Ramage  
6-25-1926 Euphemia Burke  
11-19-1946 John D. Morrissey  
11-25-1946 Wallace Burke  
5-2-1956 Gaston & Doris Devevo  

land only  
71-237  
71-554  
77-568,569  
80-695  
104-58  
93-463  
128-396
The next residents of this house were John and Alma Ramage; John Ramage was from Holyoke, Mass. He had been a stockholder in the Union Cutlery & Hardware Co. when it was incorporated in 1904 by Hubert C. Hart. In 1905 Ramage became Secretary and Treasurer of the firm; it was taken over by F.T. Blish in 1906. The Ramages moved here in 1915. In 1924 the company moved from Perry Street to Water Street; on Sept. 17, 1925, the stockholders voted to liquidate the company. They sold the brick building to the Gresh family, who operated a grain business there later; the sale record states that John Ramage was then of St. Petersburg, Florida (84-290). This house was sold in June 1926 to Mrs. Burke.

When Mrs. Burke died, ownership was temporarily passed to John Morrissey in order to settle the estate; it was then purchased by her son Wallace.

Genealogy

Blanche Sanford Tew: b. ---, daughter of Sherman & Helen Humphrey Sanford; m. Oliver C. Tew 10-5-1898; d. ---

Oliver Cromwell Tew: b. 1-31-1870 in Buckingham, England, son of William & Harriet Sowden Tew; d. 3-12-1943

no children