This house sits on a large lot on the south side of Maiden Lane. It is surrounded by large trees and tall shrubs. Other historic residences are visible from the site.
A good example of the Colonial Revival-style, this building features a gambrel roof, shed dormer, and a classical entryway made up of a pediment and classical columns. Note the brick chimney and fanlight attic vents. Several additions are on the rear of the house.

In 1906 John Alfred Skoglund quit-claimed a piece of land measuring three acres to Edward H. Deming, Sr. (FLR 76:65). Deming (1858-1928), recorded as a merchant and a judge, lived at 100 Main Street with his wife Sarah (Plumb) Deming of Hawley, Pennsylvania (b. 1857). It seems likely that Edward, Sr. bought the land for his son, Edward, Jr. (1888-1962) to build this house in 1919. Edward, Jr., a real estate agent and banker, married Aleta L. Hart, daughter of Henry L. and Jennie (Amidon) Hart, and commissioned the Parsons of Unionville to construct this house. Edward, Jr. worked for the Farmington Savings Bank and gained title of his house in 1933 after his father's death and the termination of his mother's trust fund (FLR 74:603). The house was sold out of the family in 1963.

The Edward H. Deming, Jr. House contributes to the streetscape as it is a good representation of the Colonial Revival style.
OWNER'S NAME: DEMING, EDWARD H.

ADDRESS: Maiden Lane

DATE BUILT: 1919

FOR: E.H. Deming, Jr., as a home from his father, E.H. Deming, Sr.

ARCHITECT: Plans by Parsons of Unionville

MASTER-BUILDER: Parsons Lumber Co. (John Parsons)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Architectural information and the addition in rear of bedroom and bath, 1932, by Parsons, plans by Harry Lee.

FORMER OWNERS: None; E.H. Deming, Jr., by inheritance from Est. of father, E.H. Deming, Sr., at termination of Trust for benefit of Mrs. E.H. Deming, Sr., 5/16/1933, Probate Vol. 74, p. 603.

REFERENCE:
This house, built in 1919, is included as having been the home of Edward H. Deming, Jr., son of Judge Edward H. Deming of 100 Main Street. The house was built for the younger Mr. Deming on land which had belonged to his father. Camp meetings were formerly held on this site, according to old-timers, the organ music for the meetings being provided by Reuben Lewis.

Edward Hooker Deming, Jr., born in 1888, the son of Edward Hooker Deming and Isabelle Plum, was educated in Farmington schools and Williston Academy, and started his working life in the Farmington Savings Bank. He served in the armed forces during World War I and became a charter member of the American Legion, James Palache Post #53, chartered on October 22, 1919. He left the bank to go into the real estate business, and in that he was associated with his brother-in-law Charles Luscomb of West Hartford. Mr. Deming and his wife lived in West Hartford for a time, but returned to Farmington. He was active in civic affairs and succeeded his father as Judge of Probate, serving from 1927 until 1958 or possibly even a little longer. He was warden of the borough of Farmington many years, and secretary-treasurer of the Farmington Water Company from 1925 until 1962.

Edward H. Deming, Jr., was married in 1919 to Aleta L. Hart, daughter of Henry W. Hart and Jennie Eleanor Amidon of Unionville, who had married in 1883. Henry Hart was the son of Abner Hart and Julia Rose, the latter being the daughter of Henry Amidon and Harriet Blies. The Demings had two children, Edward Hooker Deming III, and John Mix Deming.

E. H. Deming, Jr., was the head of the E. H. Deming Company, and for several years his calendars which he gave out had pictures of old Farmington scenes and residents. He was also partner in Deming and Luscomb. Both businesses still operate in Farmington, but under outside ownership, that is, ownership by other than Demings.

Mrs. Deming died in April 1959 and Mr. Deming later was married to the widow of Henry P. Latham of 101 Main Street, the former Lallie Watkins. Mr. Deming died in 1962, and his widow later re-married.

Edward Hooker Deming III never married, and at present lives in Aspen, Colorado.

At the age of six John Mix Deming unveiled the tablet on the Farmington Green, which commemorates the encampment of General Rochambeau's troops in Farmington in 1781, enroute to share in General Washington's victory later that year at Yorktown, Virginia. See "Town Clerks", pages 96 and 97.

John Mix Deming attended Kingswood School in West Hartford for three years and then was graduated from Princeton University in New Jersey. He was 27 years with Firth Sterling Steel Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and until recently was New England District Manager.

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Mr. Deming is now a self-employed sales agent, chiefly selling specialty steels and alloys. He serves as director of the Farmington Savings Bank.

Mrs. John M. Deming is the former Susanne King Skinner of 24 Mountain Road, daughter of William C. Skinner and Edith King. She was schooled at Oxford School in West Hartford and later at a girls' school in Warrenton, Virginia, then was in military service in World War II. She served three years in the 8th Air Force under Doolittle and Eisenhower in England. After studying at Morse Business College in Hartford she was in secretarial work at Hartford Hospital and for Estabrook and Company, brokers of Hartford. She is presently director of both the Farmington Visiting Nurses' Association and the Needlework Guild.

Married in 1948 the John M. Demings have lived since that time on Talcott Notch Road. They have two daughters, Aleta and Ann.

Aleta King Deming is a graduate of Northfield School and Russell Sage College, both of Massachusetts, having majored in mathematics. She was married in 1972 to Lee H. Keener of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. They reside in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he is assistant professor in the mathematics department at Dalhousie University.

Ann Converse Deming, a graduate of Northfield School, is attending Skidmore College, Saratoga, New York.

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