1. **Building Name** (Common) | Hopkinson, John, House

2. **Town City** | Farmington

3. **Street and Number (and or location)** | 11 Main Street

4. **Owner(s)** | Richardson, Thomas O.

5. **Use (Present)** | Residence/commercial

6. **Accessibility**
   - Exterior visible from public road: Yes
   - Interior accessible: Yes
   - If no or during business hours: No

7. **Style of Building** | Colonial Revival

8. **Material List** (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
   - clapboard
   - wood shingle
   - board & batten
   - aluminum siding
   - wood frame
   - load bearing masonry
   - brick
   - asbestos siding
   - stucco
   - concrete siding
   - fieldstone foundation
   - galvanized siding
   - metal siding
   - aluminum siding
   - fieldstone
   - cut stone
   - other (specify)

9. **Structural System**
   - wood frame
   - post and beam
   - balloon
   - load bearing masonry
   - structural iron or steel
   - other (specify)

10. **Roof Type**
    - gable
    - gambrel
    - shed
    - hip
    - round
    - sawtooth
    - monitor
    - roll
    - asphalt
    - tin
    - slate
    - other (specify)

11. **Number of Stories** | 1½
    **Approximate Dimensions** | 46 x 26

12. **Condition (Structural/Exterior)**
    - excellent
    - good
    - fair
    - deteriorated

13. **Integrity**
    - on original site: moved
    - if yes, explain

14. **Related Outbuildings or Landscape Features**
    - barn
    - shed
    - garage
    - other landscape features or buildings: (specify)
    - patio

15. **Surrounding Environment**
    - open land
    - woodland
    - residential
    - commercial
    - industrial
    - rural
    - scattered buildings visible from site
    - high building density

16. **Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings**
    Facing west, the John Hopkinson House is located at the northern end of Main Street near the intersection of Farmington Avenue. A small park, owned by the Village Green Association, borders the lot to the north and east. The surrounding neighborhood contains both residential and commercial buildings dating from the eighteenth century to present. Of notable interest is the small stone milestone located on the front of the lot near the street.
This small Colonial Revival-style dwelling was constructed in 1915. The three-bay facade exhibits an enclosed entry porch with corner pilasters and slightly projecting cornice. Note the small, transom-like windows placed above the porch, below the overhanging eaves. Four symmetrically placed pilasters decorate the facade. Most windows exhibit six-over-six sash, except the large bay window and small central shed dormer.

John Hopkinson erected this small dwelling in 1915 on land he acquired from Ada B. and Theodate Pope (FLR 76:467). The old buildings on the lot were shortly thereafter removed. Historians Hurlburt and Lewis state that Miss Theodate Pope designed the Hopkinson's home and R.F. Jones, Inc. was the contractor. Mr. Hopkinson was employed by Admiral Sheffield Cowles as a butler, and resided here with his wife and young family. In 1927 Miss Helen M. Scarth purchased the property (FLR 84:215). Miss Scarth, formerly the personal secretary of Mrs. Sheffield Cowles and librarian of the Village Library, opened a bookstore in the first floor. The building was sold again in 1948 and has housed such businesses as a tea room and Norwegian craft shop. The building is still used for commercial purposes today.

Although simple in design, the John Hopkinson House makes a significant contribution to the streetscape of Main Street.

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The building at this site, which presently houses the Norwegian Craft Shop, as it is listed in the 1971 telephone book, is not pictured in the Farmington Book, having been built in 1915, but the houses which stood on this site in 1906 are pictured, on page 88, as the "property of Mrs. T. A. Finnegan". The house at the left was the home of Mr. Carlson, who had his shoe shop in the rear. The "A"-shaped sign advertising his shop may be seen on the sidewalk at the right corner of the building. The house at the right served a double purpose. The square, front portion, was the meat market of George Miles, and the rear portion was a tenement, housing one or two families. The McCahill family lived here in 1896 and moved from here to South Road when their daughter Ann was three weeks old. Joseph Mastrobattista, father of the family now generally known as Battista, moved into here in 1905. If it was a 2-family tenement, the George Miles family may have lived here also.

Mr. Henry Steinmetz, see his photo on page 27 standing beside his barber sign at 19 Main Street, purchased the property on June 20, 1907, from Mary J. Burke, Catherine O'Brien, and Theresa A. Finnegan, the former Theresa A. O'Brien. He sold it the same day to Alfred A. Pope, of Hillstead Estate. This purchase was probably at the instigation of his daughter, Miss Theodate Pope, who may have been following up on Miss Porter's plan to beautify the entrance to Main Street by removing old buildings such as these.

The house at the left was bought by William Bronson, not long married at that time, and moved by him to Mountain Road, where it now stands at the top, and known as 74 Mountain Road. Mr. Bronson had purchased land from William Rhodes, on which to place the house.

The house and store building at the right were demolished.

The site was vacant until 1915, when on January 7 John Hopkinson purchased it from Ada Brooks Pope, widow of Alfred A. Pope. Mr. Hopkinson was butler for the Admiral Sheffield Cowles family at that time. The house may have been designed by Miss Theodate Pope. John Hopkinson, recently married at this time, lived here with his wife and family until he later built the house at 24 Hatters Lane and moved to that house.

This house was purchased in May 1927 by Helen Scarth, who occupied it and housed her book store in it, having previously leased it from Mr. Hopkinson from January 7, 1926.

Miss Scarth was originally from Canada, and Mrs. Cowles met her there when accompanying her husband, Admiral Cowles, on a diplomatic mission to Ottawa around 1908. Mrs. Cowles was impressed by Miss Scarth's personality and engaged her as social secretary, hostess helper and companion. Miss Scarth's father had been a pioneer official of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Both he and Miss Scarth's mother were by this time deceased. Miss Scarth accompanied the Cowles family when they came to Farmington for permanent residence after Admiral Cowles' retirement from the navy.

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Miss Scarth was with the Cowles family for a while and then was with the Whitelaw Reids for a time. Mr. Reid was owner of the New York Tribune and had served as Ambassador to England earlier. The Reids met Miss Scarth on a visit to the Cowles family here. Miss Scarth later returned to Farmington and to the shelter of the Barney family. Mrs. Barney assigned her to be librarian of the Farmington Village Library, in which post she served from 1919 to 1924. She lived during that period in one of the houses built by Mrs. Riddle on Garden Street just north of Winchell Smith's driveway.

Miss Scarth leased this house from Mr. Hopkinson in January 1926 and opened her own bookstore and lending library here. In May 1927 she purchased the property. She lived upstairs while operating the shop. Sometime on the late thirties she closed up the book shop and rented the building for a while to two ladies who operated a tea room here.

A fire damaged the house in 1939, see photo in the Yankee Trader of June 18, 1969. After the fire damage had been repaired Miss Scarth gave a three-year lease on the property to J. Hallock Buck of Hartford on July 25, 1939.

The property was sold in 1949 to Martha Talcott, wife of artist, painter or sculptor, Dudley V. Talcott of Old Mountain Road. She did not live on the premises but did operate a store here. Later, separated and divorced from Mr. Talcott she leased and occupied an apartment at 11 Waterville Road, belonging to Arthur Parsons.

Martha Talcott sold the property in 1958 to Charles Mann, who in 1960 sold it to Mary H. Mann and M. J. Fowler, two young ladies who operated the shop.

Purchaser from Mary H. Mann and Alice I. Fowler on August 30, 1965, was Lucrecia L. Thomas, who operated here under the name of the Norwegian Craft Shop, and lived at 763 Farmington Avenue.

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