The Austin D. Barney House #2 faces west onto Mountain Spring Road. It is set back from the street and is surrounded by large trees. Other residences of similar size are visible from the site.
This large brick Neo-Classical-style house is one of the grandest in Farmington. Its center block is five bays long and features a decorative classical door surround which is flanked by two small rectangular windows. Note the decorative cornice and contrasting brick lintels on the first floor. The wings to the north and south are compatible in design and feature similar details. Four-over-four sash are visible throughout the house as are the brick chimneys extending from the ends of the center block.

In 1936 Austin D. Barney (1896-1971), the son of Danford Newton Barney III (1859-1936) and Laura (Dunham) Barney (1862-1940), built this house on land he inherited from his parent's estate (FLR 94:12). He hired Russell Barker as the architect and the R.G. Bent Company as the builder. According to Hattie Barney Lidgerwood, daughter of Austin D. Barney, the house was occupied by Earl E. Dimon, an employee of the Barney family.

The Barney family, established in Farmington since Danford Newton Barney III's purchase of the John Treadwell Norton estate (see 11 Mountain Spring Road), originally came from Berlin, Connecticut. Barney III's grandfather, Danford Newton Barney (I) was from New York and created the family holdings by founding the Wells Fargo Company. In 1944 Austin D. Barney sold the "brick dwelling house" and land to Earl E. Dimon (FLR 97:490). During the 1950s, it passed out of the Dimon family.

The House is architecturally and historically significant due to its good representation of the Neo-Classical style and association with the Barney family.

**OWNER'S NAME**
(DIMON, EARLE E.) CLARK, T.Culbertson & Dorothy

**ADDRESS:** 10 Mountain Spring Road 7/31/57, Vol. 135, p 133

**DATE BUILT:** 1936  FOR: Austin D. Barney Vol. 101, p 194

**ARCHITECT**
Russell Barker

**MASTER--builder**
R.G. Bent Co.


**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
This house has been the residence of Earle E. Dimon & his family since it was built.

**REFERENCES:**

**OWNER**
(DIMON, EARLE E.) CLARK, T.C.  AS OF: 1950-1960

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