The Ernest Walker Smith House sits back from the east side of Mountain Spring Road. It faces south and is bordered on all sides by large pine trees. A curved driveway runs in front of the house.
This Tudor-style house is one of the grandest on Mountain Spring Road. It features a steeply pitched roof, pointed dormers, and multi-paned casement windows combined in different numbers. Enhancing the building are its contrasting materials of brick and cement, seen for instance, in all the lintels. The front entry displays a multi-paned pediment and full-length sidelights. A slate roof and tall corbeled chimney cap the house. Designed by architect Cortlandt Luce (1876-1956), the house expresses many characteristics which made his buildings popular.

In 1918 Heywood H. Whaples quit-claimed two pieces of land to Hilda Johnson Smith (FLR 79:23). Hilda Smith was the daughter of James Gibson Johnson, one of the pastors of the First Congregational Church in Farmington. She was born in 1881 and married Ernest Walker Smith, son of the Rev. Ernest A. Smith. Her husband (1878-1926) practiced law after attending Yale College in 1901. In 1907 he was elected representative to the General Assembly in Hartford and continued to practice law with the firm of Goodwin and Bennett. In 1925 the Smiths commissioned architect Cortlandt Luce (1876-1956) to design this house. Luce worked under the practice of West Hartford architect Edward T. Hapgood. The house was completed by 1926 by builder Samuel Walker.

Architect-designed, the Ernest Walker Smith House is architecturally significant to Farmington due to its good representation of the Tudor style.
OWNER'S NAME: SMITH, HILDA JOHNSON

1950-res.

ADDRESS: 80 Mountain Spring Road

DATE BUILT: 1925 FOR: Ernest Walker Smith

ARCHITECT: Cortlandt Luce (1876-1950)

MASTER-BUILDER: Samuel Walker

FORMER OWNERS: None - property came from Ernest Walker Smith to his wife, Hilda J. Smith, by inheritance.

REFERENCES: