**Historic Resources Inventory**

**Building and Structures**

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**State of Connecticut**

**Connecticut Historical Commission**

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

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1. **Building Name (Common)**
   - O'Connell, Edward, House #2

2. **Town City**
   - Farmington

3. **Village**
   - Unionville

4. **Street and Number (and or location)**
   - 100-102 Perry Street

5. **Owner(s)**
   - Vibert, William M. & Patricia P.

6. **Use (Present)**
   - Two-family residence

7. **Accessiblity**
   - Exterior visible from public road: Yes
   - Interior accessible: Yes

8. **Material** (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
   - Clapboard
   - Wood shingle
   - Board & batten
   - Aluminum siding
   - Wood frame
   - Lead bearing masonry

9. **Structural System**
   - Wood frame
   - Gable
   - Roof (Type): Gable

10. **Roof (Material)**
    - Gable: Roll shingle

11. **Number of Stories**
    - 2

12. **Condition (structural)**
    - Good

13. **Integrity**
    - On original site: Yes

14. **Related Outbuildings or Landscape Features**
    - Garage

15. **Surrounding Environment**
    - Residential

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**Description**

The house is situated in a quiet yet concentrated residential neighborhood and faces a front lawn and a tree-lined street to the west. Woods lie at rear of the house on the east. Neighboring houses are visible to the north and south.
This two-family, ridge-to-street oriented house features overhanging eaves, four-over-four sash, and two interior placed chimneys. The six-bay west facade displays two center, side-by-side entry doors, and a hipped-roof entry porch with wide eaves and diagonal supports. The doors and windows exhibit simple molding. The two-bay north facade has an attic-story window in the gable end; the south facade is similar, save for small, first story, paired windows in the end bay rather than a four-over-four sash. The east facade displays a one-story ell with paired windows.

Little information is available on Edward O'Connell, the person responsible for the construction of this two family house. Conflicting records suggest he may have been an Irish immigrant, and he was probably married to Annie T. Boyle, also of Ireland. In 1884 Edward purchased a ½ acre lot on Perry Street in Unionville from James L. Cowles for $400 (FLR 68:107). Cowles was in part responsible for the building of the industrial raceways and canal that attracted many manufacturers to the immediate area. That fall Edward mortgaged his property now described with "buildings," to the Collinsville Savings Society (FLR 68:134) for $1000, and to A.F. Alderman for $450 (FLR 68:135). The house was built that year, if not for Edward's own use then as mill workers' housing as was common in the area. Edward moved to Southington and sold the land and "2-tenement dwelling house" to John Clancy in 1908 (FLR 77:170). John's son Thomas Daniel purchased the property in 1921 and owned it until 1930 when he died leaving it back to his father (FLR 80:316,74:520). John died two years later leaving the property to another son John J., who in turn sold the property to his own son Daniel P. in 1942. (FLR 74:585,95:138).

Sources: