STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
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1. **BUILDING NAME (Common)**
   
   **(Historic)**
   
   O'Connell, Edward, House

2. **TOWN CITY**
   
   Farmington

3. **VILLAGE**
   
   Unionville

4. **COUNTY**
   
   Hartford

5. **STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)**
   
   26-28 Perry Street

6. **OWNER(S)***
   
   Roman, Andrew & Mary

7. **USE**
   
   Two-family residence

8. **ACCESSIBILITY**
   
   Two-family residence

9. **STYLE OF BUILDING**
   
   Nineteenth-century vernacular

10. **DATE OF CONSTRUCTION**
    
    1884

11. **MATERIALS**
    
    - Clayboard
    - Wood Shingle
    - Board & Batten
    - Aluminum Siding
    - Brick foundation
    - Concrete
    - Galvanized iron or steel
    - Wood Shingles
    - Roofing
    - Asphalt Shingle
    - Slate
    - Steel

12. **NUMBER OF STORIES**
    
    1.5

13. **APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS**
    
    41' x 25'

14. **CONDITION**
    
    - Excellent
    - Good
    - Fair
    - Deteriorated

15. **INTEGRITY**
    
    - On original site
    - Moved
    - Yes

16. **RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES**
    
    - Barn
    - Carriage house
    - Shed
    - Shop

17. **SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT**
    
    - Open land
    - Woodland
    - Residential

18. **RELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS**
    
    This house faces south onto Perry Street. The Charles W. House Company lies to the south.

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*Note: The table and form are filled out with specific information regarding the building's name, location, style, and other details. The narrative at the end provides additional context about the building's surroundings and orientation.*
This six-bay nineteenth-century domestic house faces ridge-to-street and exhibits little detailing. It has a full-length open porch with square posts and boxed balustrade. There are two entry doors and one-over-one sash on the first story. The attic story contains six-paned fixed windows.

In April of 1884 James L. Cowles, Unionville's industrial entrepreneur and son of the founder of the canal, sold a ½ acre lot of land to Irish immigrant Edward O'Connell for $350 (FLR 68:107). O'Connell (b.1854) was a laborer and married Annie T. Boyle (b.1854), also from Ireland. By September of the same year, O'Connell mortgaged his "land
with buildings" to the Collinsville Savings Bank for $1,000 (FLR 68:134).

In 1889 he sold half of his dwelling house and lot to his mother-in-law, Katie Boyle (FLR 68:440). Sometime between 1899 and 1929, the property was sold to Patrick Keeley (deed not filed), who later deeded it to his daughter, Mary (Keeley) Ryan (FPR 41:42). Patrick Keeley (1852-1928), a papermaker, was the son of Thomas and Mary Keeley and married Catherine Higgins. Their daughter, Mary (b.1881) married Timothy Ryan in 1910. The house has passed to many owners since that time.

The Edward O'Connell House is historically significant due to its association with Unionville's Irish immigrants.
