This early twentieth-century, single-family dwelling sits at the southwest corner of Plainville Avenue and Webster Street. The surrounding area contains primarily late nineteenth-century dwellings erected when Unionville was developing as a manufacturing center.
Capped with a ridge-to-street, gable roof, this bungalow-style dwelling features a full-length, open, Colonial Revival style-porch. It is contained under the main roof. The porch displays square posts resting on a solid balustrade. Note the facade's large, hip-roofed dormer with tripartite window. The south elevation displays a single-story bay window and the gable ends, which are sided with natural wood shingles, exhibit large overhanging eaves and small paired windows set in a modest surround.

Frank and Anna Cignoli built this modest dwelling in 1914 on a small plot of land they had purchased from Catherine Welch (FLR 77:503). A telephone inspector/repairman for Southern New England Telephone, Frank Cignoli (b. 1874) was a native of Torricella Verzatte, Italy. In 1912 he married Anna M. Corcoran (b. 1889) of Unionville. She was the daughter of Irish immigrant, Michael Corcoran and Martha Mills of Burlington. The Cignolis had three children. In 1920 A.R. Jones purchased the house (FLR 80:302) and sold it a year later to Charles W. Heusted (FLR 80:304). He owned the property until his death in 1954.

This house is a well-preserved example of the Bungalow style which gained popularity in the United States in the early twentieth century. It derives added significance for its association with Unionville's European immigrants.


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