**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

**BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106

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1. **BUILDING NAME (Common)**
   Brouillard Alexander, House

2. **TOWN CITY**
   Farmington

3. **STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)**
   255 Plainville Avenue

4. **OWNER**
   Heffernan, Cornelius W.

5. **USE (Present)**
   Residence

6. **ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC**
   X Yes  No

7. **STYLE OF BUILDING**
   Queen Anne

8. **MATERIALS** (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
   X clapboard
   X asphalt siding
   X brick
   X Other (Specify)

9. **STRUCTURAL SYSTEM**
   X gable
   X balloon

10. **ROOF** (Type)
    X gable
    X shed
    X hip
    X round

11. **NUMBER OF STORIES**
    2 1/2

12. **CONDITION** (Structural)
    X Excellent
    X Good
    X Fair
    X Deteriorated

13. **INTEGRITY** (Location)
    X on original
    X moved

14. **RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES**
    X garage
    X sits to rear of house

15. **SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT**
    X residential
    X scattered buildings visible from site

16. **INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS**

Standing on the east side of Plainville Avenue, the Alexander Brouillard House is located approximately one-half mile south of Unionville's commercial center. Some modern development has occurred to the west.
This relatively plain, L-shaped, Queen Anne-style dwelling was erected about 1905. Its gable-to-street wing exhibits a single-story, hip-roofed bay window and imbricated shingles in the gable end. The small, one-over-one gable window features such classical elements as a decorative swag, dentil course and projecting cornice. The facade's single-story, open veranda is embellished with turned columns, delicate brackets and extended rafters beneath the eaves. The entry door is found on the ridge-to-street wing and four-over-four sash are featured throughout the house.

In 1902 Alexander Brouillard purchased a parcel of land on the corner of Plainville Avenue and Chestnut Street (no longer in use) from the estate of Samuel Frisbie (FLR 71:580). The house was standing by July of 1905 when he mortgaged the land "with buildings" to the Farmington Savings Bank for $1500 (FLR 75:15). Born in Collinsville, Brouillard (1854-1924) was the son of Anthony and Tharsile (LaPointe) Brouillard both natives of Canada. Employed as a freight agent at the Unionville Depot, Brouillard was married to Bridget Davis (1855-1926), a native of Ireland. In 1919 Bridget Brouillard received the house from her husband through a third party (FLR 80:107 & 108). Shortly before her death in 1926, Bridget gave the house to two of her daughters, Marguerite Brouillard and Mary E. Cullen (FLR 82:269). Marguerite received full title of the property in April of 1926 (FLR 82:270) and resided in the house until 1949.

Although simple in design, this late, Queen Anne-style home contributes to the historic streetscape of Plainville Avenue.