The Alexander Trotter House sits on the east side of Plainville Avenue near the intersection of West District Road. Four other houses, identical in style, are found to the north and south of the house. Little landscaping exists in front of the house.
Built in the early 1920's this two-family Colonial Revival residence faces ridge-to-street and features simple embellishments of the period. The entry doors are located on the two flat-roof enclosed-porches flanking the front facade. The porches exhibit a lattice-work trim. The house also features overhanging eaves and slight cornice returns in the gable end. One-over-one sash is used throughout, consisting of two bays on the first story and three bays on the second story.

This multi-family dwelling was built on lot number three of a five lot sub-division planne in May of 1922 (Map 55:33). The 3½ acres on Plainville Avenue in Farmington's West District were purchased by the Rourke-Robotham Company, Inc. from George Daniels in April of 1922 (FRL 80:321). The Rourke-Robotham Company was previously owned by T.S. Rourke before its incorporation in 1919 (FLR 70:119). Among the provisions granted in its charter the company was allowed to deal in real estate, insurance, contracting, and merchandising. Rourke-Robotham did not develop this site but planned with the Farmington Woodworking and Construction Company for its development. The Farmington Woodworking and Construction Company was incorporated in 1922 with a capital stock of $50,000 (FLR 79:411). The 1922 sub-division map is filed under its name though Rourke-Robotham did not sell the land to it until 1923 (FLR 80:448). Between then and 1924 the construction firm erected a building on lot #3 and sold it to Alexander Trotter of Manchester (FLR 83:107).

The Alexander Trotter House has historic significance because of its association with early twentieth-century housing development companies.