Facing west onto Plainville Avenue, this single family dwelling is surrounded by trees which hide the modern residential development located to the south.
This nineteenth-century vernacular house faces gable-to-street and possess some Victorian-period detailing. Two-and-one half stories and three bays in plan, the house features a Victorian-period wrap-around porch. It exhibits a solid balustrade, turned posts, and a lattice skirt below the base. The gable end features slight cornice returns and one-over-one sash is used throughout. There are two interior brick chimneys and a one-bay ell addition.

In November of 1870, Merritt Marks of Harwinton received a large seventy-acre parcel of land from Augustus Fuller for $796.76 (FLR 59:644). Two months later, in January of 1871, Marks sold a small, five acre portion of the above parcel to Thomas F. Scott, with buildings standing on the lot (FLR 61:331). The sale price was $500. There is little historical information available concerning Marks, except that he was married to Mary Ann Hinman, the daughter of Levi and Amanda Hinman of Farmington. The next owner, Thomas Scott, mortgaged the property "with a dwelling house and barn" in August of 1871 to the Farmington Savings Bank for $300 (FLR 63:91). Upon Scott's death in 1877, the house was sold to James Ward of Avon (FLR 62:517). Ten years later in 1887, the Farmington Savings Bank acquired the house after foreclosing on the $300 mortgage previous owner, Thomas Scott took out in 1871 (FLR 66:665). The bank immediately sold the house to Ellen Ward (FLR 69:88), who sold it a year later to Thomas P. Mulherin (FLR 69:100). Upon moving to Cleveland, Ohio, Mulherin sold the house in 1901 to Scottish immigrant George Cruikshank and Isabella Turner (FLR 71:529). Cruikshank (1841-1916) received full title in 1903 (FLR 71:604) at the time of his marriage to Christina Hartland (1858-1926), also a native of Scotland. Cruikshank was then employed as a "coachman", but later he engaged in farming. Upon his death in 1916, George willed his wife, Christina life use of his personal and real estate, but upon her death everything was to go to Anna Bella Watson, "the girl who lived with us for many years" (FLR 31:321 & FLR 74:449). Miss Watson is also recorded as being the niece of Mrs. Cruikshank (see cont. pg.)

SOURCES

Although relatively modest in its architectural embellishments, the Marks-Scott House is historically significant as a link to Unionville's agricultural past.