Facing south, the Mary T. Byington House sits near the northeast intersection of Porter Road and Garden Street. The surrounding neighborhood contains other early twentieth-century residences. The Miss Porter's School tennis courts lie directly to the south.
This small, ridge-to-street, Colonial Revival-style house features a three-bay facade with center entry portico. The door surround exhibits three-paned sidelights. The original eight-over-one sash remain. Small single-story ell extend from both the east and west elevations.

This house was erected in 1921 by Miss Mary T. Byington on land she purchased from Florence T. Gay (FLR 80:261). A $1800 mortgage to the Farmington Savings Bank in April of 1922 mentions buildings on the lot (FLR 75:311). Little is known about Miss Byington, except that she was a music-teacher who gave piano lessons in her house. In 1931 she built the house next door at 12 Porter and sold this dwelling to Thomas Thompson (FLR 87:12). The property remained in the Thompson family until 1947 when the present owner acquired the property (FLR 101:132).

This small Colonial Revival-style cottage makes a significant contribution to the overall character of Porter Road and Farmington's historic district.

Sources:
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ADDRESS: 14 Porter Road

DATE BUILT: 1921 FOR: Mary T. Byington

ARCHITECT: Mary T. Byington
MASTER-BUILDER: F.F. Hurlburt

FORMER OWNERS:
Taylor from Norman F. Thompson 8/29/1947
Vol. 101, p. 132
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