The Daniel Rourke House faces west onto Rourke Place. It is surrounded by open lots and scattered single-family residences to the east and south.
This nineteenth-century Domestic-style house exhibits Italianate-style characteristics such as its arched gable window and decorative door surround. An open side porch with scroll sawn brackets and a modest balustrade, repeated on the southeast porch, enhance the building's three-bay, side-hall, gable-to-street plan. A small brick chimney, brownstone foundation, and large cornice returns are other notable features. Although presently aluminum sided, the house has retained most of its exterior architectural detail.

### 19 Historical or Architectural Importance

Sometime before 1882 Lucius D. Pond acquired the William Griswold House and its surrounding acreage which included 20 Rourke Place. Pond (1821-1895) was the son of Josiah and Acta (Dyer) Pond. He married Mary E. Moses (1803-1880) and had two sons: Joshua M. (m.1923) and Lucius B. (d.1916). Pond served on the Farmington Board of Relief until 1894. He sold the 3/4 acre lot with this house to Daniel Rourke in May of 1882 for $3,000. Rourke was born in Ireland and at the age of 30 immigrated to the United States. He married Ellen Smith, also of Ireland and Huntington, Massachusetts. He worked in Unionville for Reverend James A. Smith's family for thirty years. Rourke passed this house onto his son Thomas S. in 1936. It remains in the Rourke family today.

Its extensive association with the Rourke family, for whom Rourke Place is named, makes this building historically significant.

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