Located south of the Farmington River in the village of Unionville, the Flynn-McMahon Saloon faces west onto South Main Street. The railroad depot and the New England Spring Company border the property to the south and the east and modern commercial buildings lie to the north.
Oriented gable-to-street, this large three-bay, nineteenth-century commercial building displays little architectural detailing. The gable end features slight cornice returns and wide overhanging eaves. Two-over-two sash set in a simple surround are exhibited throughout. A historic photograph shows the facade once exhibited a full-length, bracketed pent roof between the first and second floors. Today the central entry door displays a modern doorhood. The south elevation features a six-over-seven bay facade with a central entry door. Two small interior brick chimneys rise from the middle of the building.

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This building was erected in 1872 by Irish immigrant, John Flynn on land he purchased from John O. Moses (FLR 61:439). In 1873 Flynn quit-claimed the "quarter-acre with buildings" to his wife Bridget (FLR 64:71), who several months later sold it to James Flynn for $1500 (FLR 65:18). Patrick McMahon, also a native of Ireland, purchased the building in August of 1874 (FLR 65:19) and operated a saloon here for many years. McMahon (1846-1900) and his wife Margaret are recorded as having fourteen children, ten of whom were born in Farmington. In 1901 shortly after McMahon's death the Farmington Savings Bank acquired the property (FLR 73:344). Fred J. Broadbent purchased the building in 1913 (FLR 78:500). He was the president of the J. Broadbent & Sons Cotton Mill which manufactured cotton batting and yarn. It is unclear how Broadbent utilized the building, although it is possible that he rented rooms to employees of the mill. Upon his death in 1924, the property known as the "McMahon Place" was sold to Stanislaw and Annie Pelczar (FLR 74:421).

Although relatively modest, this saloon is historically significant for its association with Unionville's Irish immigrant population.
