HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)
Hart, Charles E., House

2. TOWN CITY VILLAGE COUNTY
Farmington

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or, location)
70 Walnut Street

4. OWNER(S)
Scheidle, John W.

5. USE (Present) (Historic)
□ Public
x Private

6. ACCESSIBILITY EXTERIOR INTERIOR IF YES EXPLAIN
TO PUBLIC: Yes No Residence

7. STYLE OF BUILDING
Nineteenth-century vernacular

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)

- Clapboard
- Asbestos Siding
- Fieldstone foundation
- Wood Shingle
- Asphalt Siding
- Cobblestone
- Board & Batten
- Stucco
- Concrete Type:
- Aluminum Siding
- Cut stone

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
Wood frame

10. ROOF TYPE
Gable

11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
2½
20' x 25'; side addition 19' x 15'; rear addition 39' x 24'

12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)

13. INTEGRITY LOCATION WHEN
On original

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES

- Barn
- Shed
- Garage
- Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
- Carriage house
- Shop
- Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT

- Open land
- Wooded
- Residential
- Scattered buildings visible from site
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Rural
- High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
This secluded house is set beyond the crest of a hill and faces a long driveway leading southwest to Walnut Street. The front lawn lines the driveway and woods lie to the east and north. The west boundary is marked by a steep pine-lined bank and stream below.
The "L" shaped Charles E. Hart House features one-over-one sash throughout and gable ends with decorative trim and no returns. The 2½ story, two bay south elevation features an attic-story window and a first-floor, shed-roofed entry with diagonal porch-support braces and decorative stickwork. The north elevation displays a one-story ell with six-over-six sash and a low-pitched gable roof. The west elevation features a gable wing and a one-story, shed-roofed open porch facing south with spindlework post supports. The front gable exhibits an interior brick chimney. Of note are the house's oak floors and chestnut window frames.

Charles Edward Hart (1857-1925) was born to George L. (1835-1895) and Mary A. (King) Hart and is descended from Deacon Stephen Hart, one of Farmington's original founders. He married Etta L. Landon and a daughter Vivian Mary was born in 1881. Charles was eventually employed as a cutlery maker at the H.C. Hart Cutlery Company, founded by his uncle Hubert Chauncey in 1893. In October of 1892 Charles obtained a one-acre brookside tract of land from his father's property in Unionville (FLR 68:616). In the deed he was granted a right-of-way to Walnut Street on an existing "passway", however there is no mention of any buildings on this tract. The following month he mortgaged his property to the Bristol Savings Bank along with a "dwelling house and other buildings," (FLR 68:619). It is probable he built the house during the fall of 1892 although the building's style suggests it was constructed in the early 1880s. In 1905 Charles purchased additional land from his mother Mary and then sold the property to William J. Hayes (FLR 77:32, 33). In the following years Hayes obtained two pieces of land on the right-of-way to Walnut Street and sold these two pieces along with the main property to Mable E. McKissick in 1920 (FLR 80:196).

This modest nineteenth-century vernacular-style house is associated with the historic Hart family of Farmington.

Sources: