1. BUILDING NAME (Common)  
Wyllis-Orton-Wadsworth House

2. TOWN/CITY  
Farmington

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)  
174 Main Street

4. OWNER(S)  
Charles N., Jr. and Joan Anne Leach

5. USE (Present)  
Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
Yes

7. STYLE OF BUILDING  
Post Medieval

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate):  
- Clapboard
- Wood Shingle
- Board & Batten
- Aluminum Siding
- Wood Frame
- Load bearing masonry

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM  
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Wood Shingle
- Other (Specify)

10. ROOF (Type):  
- Gable
- Gambrel
- Wood Shingle
- Other (Specify)

11. NUMBER OF STORIES  
1 1/2

12. CONDITION (Structural):  
Excellent

13. INTEGRITY (Historic):  
On original

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:  
- Carriage house
- Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:  
- Residential
- Scattered buildings visible from site

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
This house sits on the west side of Main Street. To the north lies 172 Main Street associated with the property at one time. To the south and east, lie other historic residences dating from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. To the west runs the Farmington River.
One of three Post-Medieval buildings remaining in Farmington, this house is unusual in its configuration oriented gable-to-street. On the front facade, structurally out-of-plumb, is a wide hewn overhang decorated by three carved pendants and brackets. Its three-bay facade also exhibits a modest door surround and small rectangular windows at the north side of the first and second stories. On the north elevation are three gable-roofed dormers and a bay window, additions from the twentieth century. To the west are other modern additions. Note the center brick chimney, probably original, and its counterpart at the west end of the building, a later addition. Twelve-over-twelve sash are found throughout the house.

In the past the early history and evolution of this house has been debated although it was extensively researched by historians Hurlburt and Lewis. Contrary to past research, more recent research (following) proves the early history of the house and that it was never divided into two houses. In 1656 Thomas Orton's property was recorded in the land records, which included a parcel with "a house standing on [ ? ] bought of Samuel Wyllis" (FLR 2:83), today known as 174 Main Street. A ten-acre piece, its boundaries were listed as John Langton to the south, William Higgeson to the north, a highway to the east, and the west boundary, although unclear, appears to have been the "ribolit" or river and John Langton. In 1665 John Wadsworth's record deed listed "with a house standing on [ ? ] by a deed acknowledged before Major John Talcott April 21, 1656 containing 10 acres" (FLR 1:8). John Wadsworth (1630-1689) was one of Farmington's early settlers and married Sarah Stanely (? - 1718) in 1662. They raised eight children: Samuel, John, Mercy, William, Nathaniel, James, Thomas, and Hezekiah. After Wadsworth's death in 1689, his will granted the ownership of this house, "I bought of Thomas Orton", to his eldest son Samuel, aged 29. His widow received "use of the homelot, (located further north on Main Street) and negro man" and after her death, the house passed to the other sons. His second eldest son John received "the house I bought of John Bronson" (Manwaring 1:514). Samuel (1660-1731) married Hannah Judson in 1689 and served as a representative to the General Court from 1699 to 1711. He and his wife raised three children: Hannah, Sarah, and Samuel (II). In 1728 Samuel, Sr. gave his son Samuel (II) (see cont. pg.)

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X None known. ❋ Highways ❋ Vandalism ❋ Developers ❋ Other

❋ Renewal ❋ Private ❋ Deterioration ❋ Zoning ❋ Explanation
"½ of my dwelling house . . . , ½ barn, and ½ of my homelott," totaling 12 acres (FLR 4:502). Three years later Samuel, Sr. died and Samuel (II) received the remaining ½ interest in the dwelling house and 6 acres (HPR #5597). Samuel (II) (1698-1745) married Susannah Fenn in 1728. She died in 1732 and he later married his second wife Rebecca Porter in 1737 [?]. The Wadsworths raised four children: James, Samuel (III), Asa, and Hannah. It appears as though Samuel (II) served in the military as a lieutenant, as his will, dated 1745, mentions. It further stated that James received the house and homestead worth L800 (HPR #5598). His widow received dower rights and son Asa use of the south chamber and two garrets. James (1729-1773) married Abigail Lewis in 1749 and raised eight children: Fenn, Luke, Anna, Luke, Orange, Lucy, Susannah, and Amos. Upon James' death in 1771, his estate was inherited by his son Luke (II) (FPR #2810, CSL). Luke received the house and homestead worth L600 and the house lot which formerly belonged to Thomas Wadsworth, located near the center of Main Street, further north from the family homestead. Luke (1759-1818) married a woman named Abigail and raised eight children between 1783 and 1801. They were Suky, James C., Amos, Catherine, Laura, Penn, Harriet, and Eliza. Upon his death in 1818, his eldest sons, James C. and Amos, received title to this house (FPR 8:70, FPR #2812, CSL). Luke's inventory included the "new part of house" worth $550, "newest barn" worth $250, "old part of house" worth $500, and "old barn" worth $40. This suggests that the addition to the original house or "old part of house" had been made prior to 1818 to accommodate the large family. James C. (1782-1874) and Amos (1786-1850) sold the property "that descended to us by heirship from our father Luke Wadsworth" for $10,000 to a distant cousin, Sidney Wadsworth (1786-1846), son of William Wadsworth (FLR 40:377). During Sidney's early ownership of the house, it remained one house as the Grand Lists from 1820 to 1825 illustrate. In 1846 Wadsworth's estate was sold by his trustees, Ira Hadsell and Simeon Hart, for $1200 to Egbert Cowles (FLR 49:581, 50:85). The deed mentioned 6 acres, a dwelling house, barns, cornhouse, cowhouse, and outbuildings. Cowles (1785-1885) married Sarah Woodruff, lived at 185 Main Street, and probably rented out the house. He served as a state representative in 1832, state senator in 1848, and raised two sons: John Egbert and Alfred. In 1886 his estate passed to his son Alfred of Hartford for $1791 (FLR 66:539). John Egbert served as executor of the estate. At this time the house was included in the South Barns Lot (8 acres) or Wadsworth Lot (31 acres) bounded north by L. Risley, south by E. Scott, west by the river, and east by the highway (Main Street). Alfred Cowles (1826-1914) was a clerk, grocer, and bookkeeper who at one time lived in Willington, and later worked as a traveling salesman for a New York company. In December of 1886, three months after the sale to Albert Cowles, an appointed trustee, Erastus Gay, sold the Wadsworth estate to John Egbert Cowles for $950 (FLR 66:560). In 1901 he sold the house and additional lands adding up to 94 acres to Frederick C. Rockwell of West Hartford (FLR 71:530). During the following year he sold lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 on which this house and 172 Main Street stand to Leva A. Mason (FLR 71:576). Upon Mason's death in 1955 the land and buildings, including this house, were distributed to daughter Harriet H. Mason, with life use to Charles S. Mason (FLR 126:110). Harriet married Charles A. Ericson in 1906 and Charles S. Mason married Elena Augusta Puffer. It is said that during Harriet's ownership of this building, Charles lived here and she and her husband lived next door at 172 Main Street. In 1960 it was sold out of the family to Kenneth W. and Irene W. Miller (FLR 147:261). They are recorded as saying they found no evidence of the house being divided, as the above information proves.

The Wylis-Orton-Wadsworth House derives both architectural and historical significance. It remains one of a few Post-Medieval buildings in Farmington and has long associations with the Wadsworth family, early Farmington proprietors.
OWNER'S NAME: MASON, LENA A., Estate of to HARRIET HALL MASON to MILLER, Kenneth W. 1950-res.
ADDRESS: 174 Main Street & Tunxis Street 2/29/60 Vol 147 p 261
DATE BUILT: 1660 FOR: Thomas Orton
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This house is the other half of the Clarence Mason house. The original house was divided while in the Wadsworth family.

ARCHITECT
MASTER-BUILDER

FORMER OWNERS: L.A. Mason from Frederick C. Rockwell 8/14/1902, Vol. 71, p. 576; F.C. Rockwell from John E. Cowles, 39 acres & all bldgs. known as the Wadsworth lots & tenements, 10/31/1901, Vol. 71, p. 530; vounded n. on land of Levi Risley, s. on Erastus Scott & e. on the Main St.; (F.C. Rockwell developed Tunxis St. with aid of several Farmington residents); J.E. Cowles, Exec. of Est. of Egbert Cowles, sold to Alfred Cowles of Hartford for $1700. the Egbert Cowles Homestead & 36 acres & the Wadsworth lots & tenements with 31 acres, 9/21/1888 Vol. 66, p. 539; Alfred Cowles quit claimed the property back to the Est., refusing to pay $1700. for the land & bldgs., & by order of the Prob. Court to meet debts etc., Erastus Gay was appointed to sell the 21 houses & the homestead & land to John E. Cowles for $950, bounded the same as above, 1/1/1887, Egbert Cowles from Est. Sidney Wadsworth 1/28/1847, Vol. 50, p. 85; S. Wadsworth from Est. Luke Wadsworth, by James & Amos, 8/15/1819, Vol. 40


OWNER (MASON, LENA A., Estate of) MILLER 1950 Kenneth W et ux 174 Main St.
Former Owners, Cont.:
This house is pictured on page 101 of the Farmington Book as the residence of Charles Stanley Mason, Jr. Baker and Tilden's Atlas of 1869 shows it under the name of Egbert Cowles.

This house and the one just north of it, 172 Main Street, were originally one house. Its story is recounted on page 32 of "Town Clerks" by Mrs. Hurlburt. Her remarks are quoted here:

"At the far south end of the Town Path (Main Street) beside the mountain brook, Governor George Wyllys had owned ten acres of land with a tenement thereon. In his will dated March 9, 1644, he gave this land in Tunxis to his son Samuel, who sold it to Thomas Orton in 1655. Isham and Brown have dated this house as 1660. In that event the house was built by Orton, who owned it until 1665 when he sold it to John Wadsworth. It was in the Wadsworth family until 1847 when sold by the estate of Sidney Wadsworth to Egbert Cowles. Originally it was much the type of the Whitman house, twice its present size, substantial and beautiful, with hand-finished panels and cupboards about its great chimney, a wide overhang and ornamental drops on four corners. It was divided in half while in the Wadsworth family, the chimney half now owned and occupied by Mrs. Harriet Mason and the rebuilt half owned and occupied by her brother, Clarence Mason."

John Wadsworth, the third owner of the property, probably did not live here, unless it was from 1665 to 1666, as in that latter year he is presumed to have built the house at 107 Main Street, which is known as the Wadsworth family homestead.

At the time of John Wadsworth's purchase of this south end property in 1665, none of his children were old enough of course to have lived here, so until 1689, when John Wadsworth died, we have no other Wadsworth name to connect with the place. At his death however, his son Samuel inherited, and he was married that same year, when he was twenty-nine years of age. His wife was Hannah Judson. Samuel was a lieutenant in the militia, fence viewer in 1690, representative to the general court 1699 to 1711, and his house was one of the seven fortified against the Indians in 1704. In 1722 he was a member of the committee to consider Southington's request for a separate church. Their children were:

Hannah 1693
Sarah 1695
Samuel 1698.

Nothing is known of the daughters. Samuel, Sr., died in 1731, and although the record does not show it, we will assume that Samuel, Jr., inherited the property. He was married in 1728 to Susannah Fenn. After two children were born, Susannah died in 1732, and Samuel was married to Rebecca Porter, by whom two more children were born. This Samuel has not been noted in Farmington's history books. His children were:

James 1729
Samuel 1732
Asa 1735
Hannah 1736
James inherited this property upon his father's death in 1745, although his title to it did not get into the records until in 1751. His brothers Samuel and Asa moved to Tyringham, Massachusetts. Samuel is stated to have had one child, Reuben, born in 1763, and Asa had no children. Hannah, in 1736, married Asahel Burnham. Samuel, the father of these four children, died in 1745.

James Wadsworth, 1729-1773, who inherited the house and property, married Abigail Lewis. Their children were:

- Amos 1750-1775
- Fenn 1752-1785, unmarried
- Luke 1754 died in infancy
- Anna 1758-1775
- Luke 1759
- Susannah 1764 died in infancy
- Orange 1766 married the Rev. Osgood of Gardiner,
- Lucy 1772 married a Mr. Langood, died at sea.

Amos and Fenn Wadsworth, the two elder brothers, as recounted by Mrs. Hurlburt in "Town Clerks" on page 93, "owned and operated a shop on the site of the present William Sheffield Cowles homestead at the outbreak of the (Revolutionary) war. Here they sold drugs, groceries, hardware and household necessities". In June 1774 Amos had been on a committee to collect grains and other provisions to ship to beleaguered Boston, and on May 18, 1775, he was an ensign in Neadiah Hooker's company, General Joseph Spencer's regiment, which began its march to Boston that day. Mrs. Hurlburt goes on to say: "We are imbued to journals and letters left by Amos and Fenn Wadsworth and others, for about all the information we have about our soldiers in the Revolution".

Ensign Amos Wadsworth had been made lieutenant by July and was in Roxbury that month receiving letters from Thomas Lewis, the Rev. Timothy Pitkin and Dr. Timothy Hosmer. Several letters which Amos had written home were letters of instruction to his brother Fenn as to how to handle certain things at the store. Lt. Amos Wadsworth died in Massachusetts on October 29, 1775, and was buried with high military honors in Brookline, Massachusetts.

"His brother Fenn", says Mrs. Hurlburt on page 94, "inherited the shop and house adjacent thereto, which a few years later became the property of the Cowles family, who have made it their homestead since that time. Fenn kept up the drug and general store business until the death of his brother, when he too joined the army. For several years he was one of the Committee of the Pay Table of Hartford. He died just after the close of the war, leaving his estate to his mother".

Luke Wadsworth, the only surviving male in the family, born in 1759, was given title to the property in 1771, according to library records, or perhaps his father's will was made then, as his father did not die until 1773, when Luke was at the age of fourteen.
Luke Wadsworth married one Abigail, surname unknown, of Litchfield, whose mother was of the Hooker family. Their children were:

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It appears that Harriet, born in 1796, who married Fisher Gay, one year her senior, in 1824, must have died early in their married life as Julius Gay, Fisher's son, was born in 1834, and his mother is stated to have been Lucy Thomson. This Fisher Gay was the grandson of the Col. Fisher Gay who built the house on Farmington Avenue, which later became the first home of the Farmington Country Club.

We do not have the date of the death of Luke Wadsworth, but in 1819 the property was sold as the "estate of Luke Wadsworth" by his sons James and Amos. James and Amos lived until 1876 and 1850 respectively, but it is not known where they lived. When they sold this property on August 15, 1819, they were recorded as living in Litchfield and Farmington, respectively.

The purchaser in 1819 was Sidney Wadsworth. Sidney was the son of William of the fifth generation. See earlier genealogy of the Wadsworths in the account of 107 Main Street. Sidney had already received title from his brother George, in May 1816, all the property of their father William, the property north of here at 164 Main Street.

Sidney is recorded in the Wadsworth family history as having lived from 1786 to 1812. It appears that this was in error, and that he died just prior to 1847. His wife was Clarissa Buck, and their two children are stated to have died in early childhood.

Sidney Wadsworth accepted several civic responsibilities during the terms of four town clerks, from Deacon Samuel Richards through Deacon Simeon Hart, as noted by Mrs. Hurlburt in "Town Clerks":

- Nov. 1823 named selectman, with Horace Cowles and George Norton,
- Apr. 1832 an assessor, with Henry Lewis & Roderick Stanley,
- Jan. 1837 clerk of the Town Meeting,
- Nov. 1833 selectman with Samuel Dickinson & James K. Camp,
- Apr. 1834 to General Assembly with Richard Cowles,
- Feb. 1839 to examine flood damage to Young's Mill bridge,
- 1841 to consider fireproof records office,
- 1842 selectman, with Fisher Gay,
- Dec. 1843 to look into possible elimination of expense of cleaning guns, and reduce expenses of assessors and Board of Relief.
As has already been mentioned earlier in this account, this house was divided into two houses sometime while under the ownership of the Wadsworth family, but we do not know just when this was done, nor by whom.

Sidney Wadsworth was the last of the Wadsworth family to own it. He left no children at all, and on January 28, 1847, the property was sold by the administrator of his estate, to Egbert Cowles, 1785-1885, who owned and lived in the house now known as 185 Main Street. He owned property on both sides of the street, across from here and south of here. The writer does not know who occupied the two houses that by now stood on this property while under the ownership of Egbert Cowles. The wife of Egbert Cowles was Sophia Sarah Woodruff, and their children were:

Esther Rachel, 1813—m. Haynes Lord, merchant, New York City, Arthur, 1814-1822, Edgar, 1816-1817, Edgar, 1818-1831, Lucius, 1819-1821, Lucius Samuel, 1821-1887, m. Louise Sarah Whitman, 1827-1879, dau. of Congressman Lemuel Whitman of Main Street (see 7 Waterville Road). Capt. Lucius was a wholesale drygoods merchant in Galena and Freeport, Illinois, in the 1850's and 1860's, later returned to Farmington.

Arthur Ezekiel, 1823-1826, John Egbert, 1824-1905, traveling salesman for a New York clothing company, returned to Farmington by 1893, single, Alfred, 1826-1914, m. Mrs. Harriet Tourtelotte, 1832-1908, the former Harriet Hill. He lived in Hartford from 1856 or earlier. He was in the Union Army in 1862, wounded at Laurel Hill in 1864, discharged in 1865. Moved to Willington around 1905. His varied work included grocery clerk, bookkeeper, postal clerk and farmer. Their three children were: Charles Sumner 1857, moved to Willington, Harriet Jane, 1859, m. John Hemmeler of Willington, and Arthur Woodruff, 1860, Arthur D., 1828-1857, Philip Edgar, 1831-1896, (or Egbert) was a private in Co. A, 25th Conn. Volunteer Infantry 1862 and 1863. m. in 1873 Louisa J. Palmer, 1840-1915. Managed the Farmington Lodge and its property (where he grew up) and his wife was its matron. After his death she moved to Unionville.

The children of Captain Lucius were: Florence Sophia, 1850, m. Henry Martin Wood, commission merchant, New York, Josephine, 1851, Egbert, 1858, from bank messenger in Chicago in 1872 to cashier and manager in Minneapolis in 1895, and John Clifford, landscape artist of national reputation, resided New York and wintered in Venezuela or Southern California.

The above details of Mr. Egbert Cowles' family are given in order to speculate upon who might have lived in this house, or houses, during ownership of Mr. Cowles. It appears that Capt. Lucius may have. He married a Farmington girl and lived here at least through 1851 before going west, and they also lived here during their later years. We know that John Egbert roomed here in the 90's and until 1902, but aside from these we do not know the occupants.

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Egbert Cowles operated a large farm and was also very much to the fore in public life. For more on his life and activities see the account of his home, 185 Main Street.

Frederick C. Rockwell purchased the property from John Egbert Cowles, executor of the will of his father Egbert Cowles, in 1901. Egbert Cowles however had been deceased since 1885, and again it is not known who occupied the property, except for John Egbert, who roomed here, and Captain Lucius, who may have been here until his death in 1887.

Mr. Rockwell did not keep the property long, but sold it on August 14, 1902, to Charles Stanley Mason, Jr., the son of the Charles Stanley Mason of the greenhouse at 88 Garden Street. Charles S. Mason, Jr., was married to Elena Augusta Puffer, daughter of Samuel D. Puffer and Lucy Ann Harris, believed to have been of Meriden. Mr. Mason advertised in the Farmington Magazine of 1901 as a "Builder". He had been married probably around 1875, and had lived for some years in the house at 3 Maiden Lane. After buying this new home, they lived in the house to the south, now known as 174 Main Street. When they bought the property in 1902 John Egbert Cowles, son of Egbert Cowles, already 78 years of age, had a room in the house at 172 Main Street. When the new owners wished to rent that house to some one else, and asked him to leave, he set fire to his room. Fortunately there was not too much damage. Samuel Scott moved him and his belongings to Mrs. Risley's house, where they Hoppins now live, and he roomed and boarded there, probably until his death in 1905.

The house at 172 Main Street was then rented to Wilhemina Grosse Buttner, widow of August Buttner who had died in September 1897. They had lived since 1878 in the house pictured in the Farmington Book on page 144 as the residence of Mrs. Alexander Nicol, on a farm which at that time consisted of 55 acres. They had had a son Paul A. Buttner, who had died in 1889. Their daughter Clara had been married in 1884 to Chauncey E. Griswold, the superintendent of the old Oldgate Estate for many years. They lived on Garden Street at Meadow Road. Mrs. Buttner (although spelled "Bittner" in the Farmington Book) was the resident noted in 172 Main Street when the book was published in 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Mason, Jr., had four children.

George D Mason, -1961, married Maidee Griswold, daughter of the Chauncey Griswold mentioned above. See 4 Maiden Lane for more regarding George Mason and family.

Warren Mason, 1878-1951, married Amy Davis, and they lived in the house next north of the Silo Restaurant on Main Street, the former home of her parents. See account of 320 Main Street.

Clarence Arnold Mason, 1890-1951, married to Gertrude W. Delaney, bought from his parents in 1930 the house next door at 172 Main Street.

Harriet Hall Mason, -1959, who married August E. Ericson in 1906 and for a few years lived in the house at 172 Main Street, renting from her parents.

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Glarencey Stanley Mason, Jr., did quite a bit of house building and remodeling of houses in Farmington. After his daughter Harriet had been divorced from Charles Ericson she came back here to live with her parents. In 1930 the parents sold to their son Clarence, the house where Mrs. Ericson had lived next door to the north. Two years later Mr. Mason helped his son remodel it after Mr. Turgeon had moved it a little to the north and given it a quarter turn to the right. The remodeling was quite extensive, giving the house the appearance it presently has. This was perhaps one of the last jobs Mr. Mason did in carpentry. He had become quite deaf and now gave up most of his building career, devoting himself to farming the acreage to the rear, or helping his son with it. His wife died in 1936 and he lived until 1941. Their daughter Hattie, Harriet Hall Mason, having lived here since her divorce from Charles Ericson, still continued in residence here. She died in 1959.

A colonel in the Air Force, one Kenneth W. Miller, had traveled the College Highway many times between Forestville and Bradley Field, watching this house deteriorate during the ownership of Mrs. Ericson. After she died, knowing its run-down condition, but also considering its possibilities, Mr. Miller and his wife Irene W. Miller, purchased it from the estate of Harriet Hall Mason (Mrs. Ericson) in February 1960. It had been known for many years as the "stomach ache" house, due to the cramped appearance of its front, facing Main Street.

Col. Miller told someone that there was some evidence of the timbers (joists) having been cut off with axes, but he says that he saw no proof that 172 and 174 had been built as one house. Col. Miller gave it a complete restoration and made several changes and modernized its services, making a good house. The Millers sold it in July 1963 to James S. Coolbaugh.

The Coolbaughs, James and Yvonne, had four children, and perhaps had lived in Farmington prior to the purchase of this house. The children were; David Murray, Brian, Mark and Thomas. Mark was very well liked as the paper boy of the neighborhood. They moved to Sudbury, Massachusetts in 1968. Their eldest son, David Murray Coolbaugh, died at the age of 21 in December of 1971. He had been a graduate of Farmington High School and a student at the Hartford Community College.

Purchaser from the Coolbaughs in September 1968 was Dr. Charles N. Leach, Jr. As of 1969 he was in general practice with Dr. Langmann of Farmington but was considering going into cardiology. Dr. and Mrs. Leach are young and very active. He was a director of the Recreation Association in 1970 and named vice president in early 1972. Mrs. Leach has been a member of the League of Women Voters of Farmington since 1969, became vice president in June 1971. She was elected to the Board of Directors of the Visiting Nurses Association in October 1971.

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The present owners and occupants of this house are Dr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson Leach, Jr., and their children. This house was purchased by them on September 13, 1968.

Dr. Leach, born in Peking, China, while his father worked for the Rockefeller Foundation and was teaching at Peking Union Medical College, is the son of Dr. Charles Nelson Leach, Sr., 1884-1971, born in Burlington, Vermont, a physician, and of Mrs. Leach, the former Florence Worden Dixon, born in Missoula, Montana.

Mrs. Leach, born in Brooklyn, New York, is the former Jean Gross, daughter of Albert E. Gross, born in New York City and employed by Chase-Manhattan Bank, and of Mrs. Gross, the former Ruth Abramson, 1906-1964, born in New York City.

Dr. Leach, Jr., and Miss Gross met in Bellevue Hospital, New York City, where Dr. Leach was an intern and Joan a registered nurse.

Charles Leach, Jr., had prepared for college at Webb School, Bell Buckle, Tennessee, and Northwood School, Lake Placid, New York. He was a 1956 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Amherst College and a 1960 graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. After two years as intern and assistant resident at Cornell Medical Division of Bellevue Hospital he entered the United States Military Service in 1962.

Dr. and Mrs. Leach were married in New York City in 1962 and spent their early married years in Germany while Dr. Leach was Captain, Medical Corps, serving as Battalion Surgeon and Post Dispensary Commander. Their first child, Nancy Patricia Leach, was born while they were in Germany, in 1965.

After the military service Dr. Leach rejoined Bellevue Hospital as Assistant Resident, Cornell Medical Division. Their second child, Cynthia Ruth Leach, was born in New York in 1965. In 1966 Dr. Leach was associated with the Cardiopulmonary Laboratory and Outpatient Department of New York Hospital.

Dr. Leach and his family came to the Hartford area in 1967, Dr. Leach having taken up practice in Farmington and joining the staff of Hartford Hospital. He is now, and has been since 1969, Cardiologist and Associate Attending Physician at the New Britain General Hospital. He is responsible for instituting the first Cardiac Rehabilitation Program in Connecticut, which now serves as a model for setting up other such programs. In 1973-1974 he was president of the Heart Association of Central Connecticut. Academically he is Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington. He is also member of several medical and cardiology associations and has co-authored three publications related to cardiology. He is a member of the Exchange Club of Farmington and of the Farmington Field Club and is Fast-President of the Farmington Recreation Association and has worked with the Farmington Conservation Commission.

Mrs. Leach has been an active member and served as Secretary, Bulletin Editor and Chairman of the School Study Committee of the Farmington and Avon League of Women Voters. She has also served as Vice President of the Farmington Visiting Nurses Association and on the Village Library Board.

The Leach's third and fourth children, Caroline Amy Leach, 1967, and Charles Nelson Leach, III, 1969, were born in Hartford. All of the four children attend Farmington Public Schools.

December 30, 1975