Standing on the north side of Farmington Avenue, the Robert A. and Wilmena M. Chapman House occupies a small, well-landscaped lot. The surrounding neighborhood comprises a variety of nineteenth- and twentieth-century residential architecture built when Unionville had already established itself as an active industrial community.
Fully Italianate in character, this elaborate "L"-shaped dwelling was built in 1881/82. The facade features a single-story bay window highlighted with turned ornamentation, imbricated shingles and small paired brackets supporting the overhanging eaves. Set above the bay are paired one-over-one sash. Located in the corner of the "L" is a two-story open porch with elegantly turned posts and spindlework balustrade. Trimming the eaves of the porch are small paired brackets. The first floor sash and entry door are capped with a simple molded hood. Two-over-two windows are exhibited throughout the dwelling. The large overhanging eaves of the roof display similar but larger paired brackets. The east elevation features a small circular window and a small modern entry porch has been added to the rear of the west elevation. Note the two interior brick chimneys.

Robert A. and Wilmena Chapman purchased this parcel of land in May of 1881 from George L. Hill, Mary H. Hill and Abigail W. Gibbs (FLR 65: 526). The Chapmans erected this house between May of 1881 and May 1, 1882 when they mortgaged the land with buildings for $1800 to Andrew S. Upson (FLR 65:658). There is little historical information available concerning the Chapmans although by 1897 they had moved to Cleveland, Ohio and rented the house to William B. and Lillian H. Edwards. The Edwardses in October of 1897 mortgaged to Robert A. Chapman, through his agent Samuel F. Graham, "one upright piano now contained in dwelling house of Robert A. Chapman occupied by said Edwards situated on Farmington Avenue in Unionville" (FLR 73:61). No release of this mortgage is recorded in the Farmington Land Records. The Canton Trust Company took title of the property between 1901-1902 (FLR 69:557, 605) and later sold it to Agnes P. Allen in 1905 (FLR 71:698). Mrs. Allen (b.1868) and her husband George O. Allen, a bookkeeper resided here until 1919 (FLR 80:52).

One of a number of ornate Italianate-style dwellings in Unionville, the Robert A. and Wilmena M. Chapman House makes a significant contribution to the character of the village's historic center.

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