This house sits on the east side of Hart Street just south of the Academy, a wood-framed, two-story building. Several trees dot the lawn and a variety of modest homes from the nineteenth century can be seen to the south.
This Greek Revival-style building features three bays and a heavy pediment. A wrap around porch extends on the west and north elevations. It features turned posts and a lattice foundation skirt. Note the six-over-six sash, brick chimney, and addition off the rear of the building.

In 1846 Lucius F. Dorman (ca. 1822-1907) purchased land for a dwelling house lot on Mountain Road from John Hooker (FLR 49:588). Dorman was the son of Henry and Polly Dorman of Burlington. He married Julia A. Reed of Glastonbury and is recorded as being a handyman who was employed at the cemetery between 1884 and 1885. It seems as though Dorman was promised aid from the Town of Farmington to build this dwelling house; however, in 1847 his mother Polly claimed half interest in the "house he is about to erect" (FLR 49:601). Her deed specified that Julia Anna (Dorman's wife) was to jointly occupy the house for three years from April 1 (1848). Therefore it is likely that the house stood by April of 1848. The couple raised two children, Minnie and Carrie, and upon Dorman's death the property passed to his wife (FPR 31:203). Shortly after, daughter Minnie inherited it and she sold it to Edith K. Skinner (FLR 80:63).

Around the same time (1919) D. Newton Barney (1859-1936), Farmington's prominent philanthropist who lived at 11 Mountain Spring Road, purchased land "south of and adjoining the lot belonging to the First Ecclesiastical Society" from John Hooker Hart (FLR 79:127). Sometime between 1919 and 1922 Barney moved the dwelling house of Lucius Dorman from Mountain Road (warranty deed from Skinner does not exist) to the land he purchased on Hart Street. During 1922 he gave the property (land and buildings) to the First Ecclesiastical Society (FLR 79:467). According to historian Prentice, Martin Salmonsen and his family from Denmark lived here while Salmonsen served as the custodian of the church and later the library and Center School. The society quit claimed the property to the

Sources:
First Church of Christ, Congregational (FLR 97:94) which sold it in 1952 to Solmonsen's son, Edward (FLR 107:325). Since that time it has changed ownership several times.

Although moved from its original location, the Lucius F. Dorman House contributes to the streetscape due to its state of preservation.
DATE BUILT: 1847 FOR: Lucius F. Dorman
Moved 1919 for D.N. Barney to its present location as a residence for Martin Salmonsen, then janitor of the Cong. Church & placed on land bought by D.N. Barney & given to the Ecc. Society, next to the old Chapel.

FORMER OWNERS: Cong. Church from D.N. Barney: D.N. E. from Edith Skinner, who kept the land on which the house had been built on Mountain Road: Edith Skinner from Minnie E. Dorman, 5/3/1919, Vol. 80, p. 63, known as the Homestead, incl the house: Minnie E. Dorman from Lucius F. Dorman by will after the life use of Julia, widow of Lucius and mother of Minnie, Prob. Rec. Vol. 31, p. 203, 12/23/1911: Lucius F. Dorman from John Hooker for $150.1 & 1/4 acres, no house n. on Mountain Road, w. on C. Hart, 12/7/1846, Vol. 48, p. 203:

(over)
On July 29, 1847, Vol. 49, p. 290, L.F. Dorman bought of John Hooker one rod "each side of his house lot".

Deed from Polly Dorman to her son, Lucius quit claim of "an interest in a d.h. which he is about to erect, the consideration for which was namely the aid he was to receive and was expecting to receive from the people of Farmington and -- whereas but little aid has been thus far received -- he has concluded to return the amounts or to satisfy the donors thereof - 2/17/1847, Vol. 49, p. 601, dated 12/5/1846.

An agreement between John Hooker and Lucius F. Dorman of 12/7/1846, Vol. 49, p. 588 was in part "land on Mountain Road sold for a house lot is part of a route surveyed for a railroad through or very near said land". Hooker agreed to make good to said Dorman any damage incurred by Dorman if the railroad went through or near the land.

Dorman from Rosina Hadsell, Sarah E. & Edgar H. Parsons "a certain barn on our land to be moved before 4/1/1870" recorded 5/8/1869, Vol. 61, p. 174.

Skinner, Edith K. & W.C. bought the interest of Minnie Dorman 1919 subject to the life use of Mrs Julia Dorman who lived only a few Months not knowing the house had been sold. The house was then given to D.N. Barney in return for his having the cellar hole filled in and he had the house moved to its present location. (info. obtained from W.C. Skinner.)
This house is pictured on page 169 of the Farmington Book as the residence of Lucius F. Dorman and is shown on Baker and Tilden's Atlas of 1869 as L. F. Dorman.

It stood in 1906 on Mountain Road, and it is the opinion of the writer that it stood just east of the house pictured on page 172 as "formerly used as studio by Miss Porter". He also believes that the latter house, the studio, was torn down because it stood in the way of the construction of the William Skinner house, now known as 24 Main Street. Later, when the Skinners wished to build a garage, the Dorman house stood in the way, so it was moved to its present site, at 1 Hart Street.

Lucius Dorman was the son of Henry Dorman and Polly Woodruff, 1803-1877. Polly was the daughter of Elisha Woodruff, 1777-1863, and Charlotte Burdie. This latter couple moved from Farmington to Mina, New York, and later to Geneva, Ohio. Lucius Dorman's wife was Julia A. Reed, daughter of Fredus Reed, of 30 Mountain Road, and Elmira Hollister. Mr. Dorman seemed to be a handy-man in the village. According to town records he was employed at the cemetery in 1884 and 1885, and he was on the Prudential Committee of the Farmington Fire Society in 1885.

It has been noted somewhere that Mr. Dorman had been partner in a general store called Dorman and Buck, but there seems to be no definite knowledge of this. Mr. Dorman had a brother Edward who lived at 165 Main Street.

The Dormans had two daughters, Minnie, who never married, and Carrie, who married Albert Porter. Although Lucius Dorman was pictured with a small boy on page 169, this boy was probably one of the Harris boys who lived at 30 Mountain Road. In Mr. Dorman's later years one of the Harris boys would stop at the Dorman house each morning to shake up the coal fire, takes out the cinders and ash, and put on more coal to prepare for the day.

It has been said that upon Lucius Dorman's death, the date unknown, that the property was left to his widow Julia and that she left it to their daughter Minnie.

The removal of this house from Mountain Road to Hart Street is sometimes said to have been in 1915, but Mrs. Dorman lived until 1919, so perhaps it was later. It seems to have been moved when Mr. Skinner built his garage, but that date is not definite.

Minnie Dorman lived for some time in a room rented from the William Porters at 145 Main Street, then later moved to West Hartford, where she died.

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Lucius Franklin Dorman was born in Burlington in 1822. Mrs. Dorman, the former Julia Reed, born in Glastonbury.

Mr. Buck, mentioned in the 4th paragraph of this page, was George D. Buck, married in 1870 to Eleanor M. Woodford.
Martin Salmonsen had come from Denmark, and came to Farmington in 1893, the son of Peter and Pauline Salmonsen. His wife was the former Johanne Jensen, also of Denmark, and the daughter of John and Margaret Jensen. Mrs. Salmonsen was also the sister of Jensine Jensen, who came to Farmington later as the wife of Otto Christensen.

Mr. Salmonsen and his family lived first in the house at 17 Main Street, half of which they rented from Mrs. Brownlow. He worked as groundsman and caretaker for several of the town's residents. Among them were the D. Newton Barneys of Mountain Spring Road, who owned both their own home and the house at Farmington Avenue called the Red Cottage, Mrs. Catherine Griswold at 27 Main Street, and later the William Hitchcocks at that same address. In 1907 he became custodian of the Congregational Church, and he also took care of Center School and the library, which was in the Town Hall on Main Street at that time.

In 1915 the church society provided the Salmonsen family a home on Hart Street, in the house which had formerly been that of Lucius Dorman on Mountain Road, moved to Hart Street when Mr. Skinner built the house at 24 Mountain Road. It was moved by Mr. D. N. Barney and then deeded to the Congregational Church Society. After the new library was built Mr. Salmonsen took over its maintenance also.

The Salmonsens had six children: Christian, Jane (Jennie), John, Hilda, Marie and Edward. Christian was the only child born before they arrived in Farmington. Mr. Salmonsen had a brother John, who had come to Farmington some year or so before Martin, and worked on the McKinney farm in the east district. He and his wife Christine Mortensen were here perhaps from the mid-1890's until after 1901, and probably lived on the McKinney farm. They later moved to West Hartford where John Salmonsen operated a leased farm on Park Road in what is now the Trout Brook area.

Christian Maurice Salmonsen, Martin's eldest child, was a Dartmouth graduate in 1918, went into naval training at Newport, Rhode Island, and served on a sub chaser during World War I. He went into professional baseball for a while after his return to civilian life, was catcher for the Eastern League in Springfield and Waterbury and then went into the majors with the Boston Braves. After having been moved back to Trenton, New Jersey, however, he decided that this route to success would be rather slow, so went into industry with the Oxford Paper Company in Rumford, Maine. He was there for some years and married Yvette Gonya of Rumford, and they had a daughter Maryse. He went on to International Paper at Tonoawanda, New York, where he became plant manager. He died of a heart attack at the age of 46 in 1938. His daughter is now Mrs. Charles Toomey, a graduate of Marymount College, and the mother of two lovely children in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Mr. Toomey is a partner in an insurance agency in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

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Jane Marguerite Salmonsen married Lewis F. Dettenborn of Hartford, of the Dettenborn family who operated for so many years the woodworking shop which bore their name, making moldings and trim for fine carpenter work. Mrs. Dettenborn is now deceased but her daughter Deborah, a graduate of Colby Junior College, lives in Pendleton, Oregon. She is the wife of Jack Cheney, a U. S. Forest Ranger, and they have a son and daughter. They lived for a time in Packwood, Washington.

John Rector Salmonsen started his working life with Travelers Insurance Company, being assigned as claim adjuster in Philadelphia. There he married Florence Jalas, born and reared in that same city. He was later assigned to the Detroit claim office. After a few years he went with the Veteran's Administration, first in the Louisville, Kentucky, office and then to the regional office in Philadelphia, where he remained until his retirement in 1965. There were no children. He died in Portland, Maine, of a heart attack in 1966.

Hilda Mona Salmonsen worked a few years for Aetna Life Insurance Company, but died at the age of 25 in 1923, just really starting her life.

Marie Salmonsen never married. She was a registered nurse, a graduate of Hartford Hospital's nursing school. As such she worked most of the time in the Boston area, and her last post was as medical secretary in the New England Medical Center there, in work connected with Tufts University. She died in July 1965.

Edward Jay Salmonsen, after graduation from Farmington High School, was employed in his first full-time job, by Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company in Hartford. He was there two or three years in the Fidelity and Surety Bond Department, then went with Travelers Insurance Company and into the Casualty Actuarial Department where he ended up as statistician. In July 1937 he was married to Jeannette H. Welsh, also in the same department in Travelers, of Ware, Massachusetts, daughter of Edward Welsh and Noella Brunelle. She stopped work when married but later was employed in the Finance Department of the City of Hartford offices. They lived in Farmington with Edward's father on Hart Street, his mother having died in 1936. In June 1952, after his father's death, Edward and his wife purchased from the Congregational Church the home in which the Salmonsen family had lived since 1915. Their daughter Jo-Anne was born while they lived here. In September of 1963 they sold this house to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Krawiec and moved to Linnmore Street, Hartford. Still later they moved to Wethersfield. They are now both retired and living in an apartment in West Hartford. Their daughter Jo-Anne, a 1965 graduate of Becker Junior College, was married in June 1968 to A. Clark Stevens, Jr., a member of the West Hartford Police Department. Their wedding was held in the Farmington Congregational Church, the ceremony performed by the Rev. Harland G. Lewis of Farmington and the Rev. Mr. Webster of West Hartford.

Martin Salmonsen worked hard all his life and was well liked and respected in Farmington. He retired in 1947, after which he lived until 1952, his death coming at the age of eighty-nine.

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This house was sold on October 26, 1971 by Mr. and Mrs. Krawiec to John Ronald and Kathleen M. Hutcherson.
Present owners and occupants of this house, Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson, are both descendants of residents of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, earlier from Scotland and England.

John Ronald Hutcheson is the son of Harold Victor Hutcheson and Nancy MacLeod, both born on Prince Edward Island, but who came to the Hudson River area and settled in Tarrytown, New York, in their early married life. They still live there, Mr. Hutcheson an optometrist. John, or Ronald as he is usually called, attended Tarrytown public schools and was later a graduate of Webb Institute of Naval Architecture of Glen Cove, Long Island. His work however has always been in the field of financial management. He was seven years with Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut, during which he studied business administration at U-Conn. Afterward he was with General Dynamics in Quincy, Massachusetts. He spent part of two years in the controller's office of Litton Industries in Los Angeles. He is now in partnership with Arthur T. Fine of Bloomfield in the Hartford Heating Company of West Hartford. They are in a growing business of installing heat and air conditioning systems in commercial buildings and apartments.

Mrs. Hutcheson, the former Kathleen MacDonald, born in Waltham, Massachusetts, is the daughter of Stephen MacDonald and Margaret Ray both formerly of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, both having been born there, Mrs. MacDonald's father however, having been of Liverpool, England. The MacDonal ds migrated to Boston, where Mr. MacDonald was on the police force for several years. During this service he was studying engineering, after which he was safety engineer on construction projects in various places. The MacDonal ds presently reside in Farmington, while he is with Occupational Safety and Health Engineering for the U. S. Government. Kathleen studied Medical Technology at Springfield College, and after graduation worked in several Massachusetts hospitals. She later attended the Boston School of Cyto-Technology, and has worked in cancer detection in other hospitals.

Ronald Hutcheson and Kathleen MacDonald met while skiing in New Hampshire and found that they were both residents of neighboring apartments in Boston.

They have made some changes in this house, principally those made necessary by the installation of a baseboard hot water heating system, will probably make more changes which would include a playroom which is needed.

The Hutchesons are now parents of two children, Douglas Stephen and Christine Nancy. They are interested in Farmington, both in its history and in its future, hoping to become active participants in its life.

August 29, 1972

A son, David Andrew Hutcheson, was born on March 30, 1973.