Located above a cobblestone retaining wall, the Ambrose Hart Jr. House stands along the west side of River Road, southwest of Unionville. Woodland borders the property on all sides and a small brook lies on the far side of the road running north to south. The surrounding area contains primarily modern, single-family dwellings.
Built in 1844 this three-bay, off-center chimney, Cape-style building is capped with a ridge-to-street gable roof. The house displays little in the way of architectural embellishments. The facade exhibits a modest central entry door and modern, shed dormer. A Victorian-period arched window is found in the south gable and six-over-six sash dominate throughout the house. The north elevation displays a small, 1½ story addition and a single-story, enclosed porch is featured on the south.

Ambrose Hart Jr. built this house in 1844 on a small tract of land he purchased from Samuel Payne of Burlington (FLR 48:490). Born in Burlington, Hart (1793-1846), was the son of Ambrose and Mercy (Bartholomew) Hart Sr. and a direct descendent of Deacon Stephen Hart, one of Farmington's original proprietors. Samuel Pepper, in his history of Unionville, claims that Hart was responsible for erecting Unionville's second schoolhouse in 1833 (Hulburt [1943]:324). His wife was the former Chloe E. Moses of Burlington. They raised three children, Betsey (b. 1816), Samuel M. (b. 1819), and Frederick M. (b. 1826). After Hart's death in 1846, the house was willed to his two sons, but the dwelling is attributed to Samuel Hart on the 1853 Map of Unionville. In May of 1854, Thomas Conoley, or Connelly, a young farmer from Tipperary, Ireland, purchased the house (FLR 53:209). There is little known about Connelly, except that when he died in 1863, at the age of 30 his property was devised to a number of relatives; Anne, Bridget, and James Connelly, Catherine O'Neil and Mary Odlum. In 1871 Anne (1828-1878) and Bridget (1831-1896) Connelly received full title to the property (FLR 59:667 and 64:18). Both women born in Ireland, were probably Thomas's unmarried sisters. Bridget purchased Anne's interest in 1881 (FLR 66:77-78). Nora (Connelly) Curren, the wife of John Curran, acquired the property in 1893 (FLR 68:635). A native of Hartford, Nora Connelly was living in Canton, Connecticut, at the time of her marriage, in 1886. John Curran, a native of Alexandria, Virginia, was employed in a variety of occupations including papermaker, mechanic, polisher, and laborer. In 1909 Dr. Michael (see cont.)

Sources:
J. Morrissey purchased the house (FLR 77:270). The Morrissey family resided here until 1915, when the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Young People's Society of Hartford bought the property (FLR 77:602). The Norregard family owned the house between 1921 and 1947 (FLR 79:387 and 100:472).

Relatively isolated from encroaching modern development, the Ambrose Hart Jr. House is historically significant for its association with one of Farmington's oldest families, and the Connelly family early Irish immigrants in Unionville.