**Historic Resources Inventory**

**Building and Structures**

**State of Connecticut**

**Connecticut Historical Commission**

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

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**Identification**

1. **Building Name (Common)**
   - Woodruff-Goodwin House

2. **Town/City**
   - Farmington

3. **Street and Number (and or, location)**
   - Lovely Street

4. **Owner(s)**
   - Katz, Kenneth B. & Anne F.

5. **Use (Present)**
   - Residential

6. **Accessibility**
   - Exterior Visible from Public Road: Yes
   - Interior Accessible: Yes

7. **Style of Building**
   - Nineteenth-century vernacular
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8. **Material(s)**
   - Clapboard
   - Wood Shingle
   - Board & Batten
   - Aluminum siding

9. **Structural System**
   - Wood frame
   - Post and beam

10. **Roof Type**
    - Gable
    - Gambrel
    - Wood Shingle

11. **Number of Stories**
    - 2

12. **Condition**
    - Excellent

13. **Integrity**
    - Original

14. **Related Outbuildings or Landscape Features**
    - Barn
    - Shed
    - Garage

15. **Surrounding Environment**
    - Open land
    - Woodland

16. **Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings**
    - The Woodruff-Goodwin House sits on a rise of a hill nestled among the large trees on the east side of the street. Cement stairs lead up from Lovely Street to the house. Directly to the south is the 1893 Tunxis Hose fire station.
The original appearance of this house has been severely altered over the years. However from several maps, one can tell that the house configuration was probably "L" shaped. Today the two-story building features a two-story south wing, an attic dormer with a shed roof and two small one-story additions on its north elevation. Six-over-six sash is found throughout the house. Modest vergeboards adorn the gable ends. A brick chimney rises from the center of the roof.

In 1849 the Committee of the Episcopal Society of Unionville sold a one-acre lot to Martin Woodruff (FLR 52:177). By October of the next year, he sold it "with buildings" to Daniel H. Goodwin (FLR 50:293). Goodwin (1811-1896) was an employee in the clock shop of Seymour Williams and Porter. He later worked in Joshua Brewer's and Squire Lambert Hitchcock's cabinet shop. He and his wife Sarah (1823-1881) owned the house until Goodwin's death in 1896 when the property passed to their daughter, Adelaide E. Smith (FLR 70:634). She sold the property to Frank W. Foster in 1918 who built an enclosed studio and printing office to the rear, later known as the Harrison Supply Company (FLR 80:4). Foster was a landscape painter, antiques collector, organist, embalmer, and a one time business associate of Edward Preston.

The Woodruff-Goodwin House is historically significant as one of the earliest residences on Lovely Street.

Sources:
- Farmington Land Records
- Farmington Probate Records
- Farmington Vital Records
- Farmington Cemetery Inscriptions, W.P.A., 1934
- Avon Cemetery Inscriptions, W.P.A., 1934
- 1853 E.M. Woodford Map
- 1855 E.M. Woodford Map
- 1869 Baker and Tilden Map
- 1878 O.H. Bailey & Co. Map

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Threats to Building or Site:
- None known.
- Highways
- Vandalism
- Developers
- Other
- Renewal
- Private
- Deterioration
- Zoning
- Explanation