This large, two-family dwelling faces south onto Maple Avenue near the intersection of School Street. The Alice Y. "Clover" Pinney Memorial Park is located across the street to the southwest. The encompassing neighborhood is made up of mid-nineteenth century rental dwellings.
This large, symmetrical, four-bay, Italianate-style dwelling was built between 1882 and 1883. The facade exhibits a central, single-story entry porch embellished with decorative square posts, scroll-sawn brackets, an ornate cutwork balustrade and extended rafters beneath the eaves. Note the Italianate-style doors and surround. Flanking the door are two single-story bay windows with delicate scalloped cutwork and lattice work trimming the bases. The second floor exhibits two sets of two-over-two paired windows. A simple band of scalloped molding is set below the wide entablature which features small eyebrow windows and ornate paired brackets supporting the overhanging eaves. Two matching single-story verandas with simple square posts and clover motif frieze are found on the east and west elevations.

Historical or Architectural Importance

In August of 1882 Abner S. Hart and his son Henry W. purchased this small plot of land from Franklin Chamberlin for $775 (FLR 68:3). This two-tenant dwelling had been erected by May of 1883 when they mortgaged the property to the Collinsville Savings Society for $2,000 (FLR 68:34). Abner Slade Hart (1823-1912) was born in Barkhamstead, Connecticut, to Hawkins and Lois (Slade) Hart. In 1848 he married Miss Julia Rose and they had three sons; Myron, Leverett, and Henry. After his first wife's death in 1863, Abner married Mrs. Margaret Maria (Driggs) Williams of Barkhamstead. He came to Unionville with his son Henry W. in 1878, and they opened a general store under the name of A.S. Hart and Son. In 1887 Abner served as a Farmington Representative to the State Legislature. He also served as an acting school visitor and Chairman of the Board of Relief. His grocery business prospered and in 1896 Abner retired and sold his portion of the store to his son. Henry (1858-1931) continued to operate the firm under the name of H.W. Hart and Company. In 1883 Henry married Jennie Eleanor Amidon (1862-1942) of Manchester, Connecticut. They raised one daughter, Aleta, born in 1891. In 1929 Henry received his father's half-interest in the building (FLR 74:505) and the house remained in the Hart family until 1937.

This interesting, two-family, Italianate-style dwelling is significant for its association with the Hart family prominent Unionville businessmen.