This brick building faces west onto Maple Avenue in a densely populated residential neighborhood. There is a smaller brick building to the east.
This 6-tenement, ridge-to-street building with center projecting cross gable has a nine bay west facade with three first story entry doors each with a modern shed roofed entry porch. All facades exhibit two-over-two sash with arched headers, brick patterned lintels, and stone sills. The entire building displays common bond masonry. Decorative-patterned brick belt courses run between the first and second floors, and east and west elevations exhibit paired windows with arched lintels and headers. The roof appears to be newer. There are three interior brick chimneys.

John P. Chamberlin (1823-1893) bought a rectangular tract of land with a house on Main Street in Unionville in 1867 from Franklin Chamberlin (relationship unknown), a former Springfield, Massachusetts lawyer associated with local paper mill operators Messrs. Platner and Porter. John P., born in Massachusetts, came to Unionville by 1859, when his occupation was listed as mechanic. Previously he lived in New York State, where a son Franklin A. was born to him and his wife Aurilla C. (McKillup) (b. 1824, Salem, New York). The rear of their Unionville property was made accessible via a "travelled way" (later known as Maple Street); like most property owners along this passway Chamberlin developed the rear of his lot to meet the housing needs of a growing industrial labor force attracted to Unionville in particular by its paper mills. Neighboring property owner Nathaniel Hayden built a brick tenement building in 1875. John P.'s building does not appear on an 1878 map; it was built between then and 1889 when it is first mentioned in town land records. John P.'s will divided his property, giving life-use to his wife Aurilla and passing on equal interests to his six grandchildren to be held in trust by his son Franklin A. Aurilla died in 1885, but the ½ acre sub-division with brick building was not distributed until 1893 after John P.'s death. After Franklin A.'s death in 1916, the building was passed on to his wife Nellie (Cornelia Baldwin, 1854-1927) and three children, and finally left the Chamberlin family two years later when it was sold to Charles W. House and Sons.

This brick building is a fine example of local attempts to satisfy the housing needs of millworkers in Unionville.

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