**1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic)**

Scanlon, Patrick J., House

**2. TOWN CITY** Farmington

**VILLAGE** Unionville

**COUNTY** Hartford

**3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)** 65 New Britain Avenue

**4. OWNER(S)** Connors, Catherine E.

**5. USE (Present)** Residence

**6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC**

- Exterior visible from public road: Yes
- Interior accessible: Yes

**7. STYLE OF BUILDING** Nineteenth-century vernacular

**8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)**

- Wood Shingle
- Asbestos Siding
- Brick
- Other

(Specify)

**9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM**

- Wood frame
- Post and beam
- Balloon
- Other

(Specify)

**10. ROOF (Type)**

- Gable
- Flat
- Mansard
- Monitor
- Sawtooth

(Indicate use or location when appropriate)

- Wood Shingle
- Roll
- Asbestos
- Tin
- Slate

- Other

(Specify)

**11. NUMBER OF STORIES APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS**

- 2 stories
- 22 x 28

**12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated

**13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN**

- On original site
- Moved
- Yes
- No

**14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES**

- Barn
- Shed
- Garage
- Carriage house
- Shop
- Garden
- Other landscape features or buildings

(Specify)

**15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT**

- Open land
- Woodland
- Residential
- Scattered buildings visible from site

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Residential
- Rural
- High building density

**16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS**

This house faces south onto New Britain Avenue in a densely populated residential neighborhood. There are tall trees standing to the north in the direction of the Farmington River.
This simple late nineteenth-century vernacular-style house has a gable roof and central brick chimney. The three-bay gable-to-street facade exhibits two-over-two sash with shutters and a small two paned attic window. There is a side hall entrance with the doorway exhibiting some classical detail.

This house on New Britain Avenue was most likely built by Irish farming immigrants Patrick (about 1845-1904) and Ellen (Smith) Scanlon (about 1842-1917). The Scanlons purchased and sold many parcels of land along New Britain Avenue by the Farmington River in Unionville. This area, originally consisted of about "12 to 14" acres and was owned by Canal builder, James Cowles (FPR 11:283). His son James L. Cowles sold a ½ acre tract to Ellen Scanlon in 1884 and she and her husband promptly built a house that summer through the services of S & F Sanford, a local construction and lumber company (FLR 68:118, 349). Between 1885 and 1889 title to this piece reverted back to Cowles and the Scanlons acquired the adjacent one acre lot, though transfer deeds could not be found. In 1890 the Scanlons granted Fred Staples a lien on this second piece "for services rendered and materials furnished in the construction and erection of said building s . . . . . " commencing August 19, 1889 and ending December 23, 1889 (FLR 70:169). The Scanlons sold off half of this lot in 1895, (FLR 71:117; 184) and in 1896 the remaining half was sold to Mary Callahan. Mary Callahan promptly mortgaged her land with buildings to the Collinsville Savings Society for $2,500 (FLR 71:216). No other information is available about her. She had apparently become a Mary O'Donnell from Conception, Missouri, when the Savings Society foreclosed on her mortgage in 1903 (FLR 73:462). The property was sold five years later to Michael Joseph Halloran (about 1859-1943) an Irish-born paper maker at the American Writing Company in Unionville (FLR 77:215).


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In 1920 Michael subdivided the land and sold the house at #65 to Joseph and Catherine C. Connors (FLR 80:204).

Although modest in design, the Patrick J. Scanlon House derives historical significance for its association with Unionville's Irish immigrant population.