HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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**Building Identification**

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2. **Town City**: Farmington
3. **Village**: Unionville
4. **County**: Hartford
5. **Street and Number**: 66 Maple Street
6. **Owner(s)**: Morse, Judith H.
7. **Use (Present)**: Residence
8. **Accessibility to Public**: Yes
9. **Exterior Visible from Public Road**: Yes
10. **Interior Accessible**: Yes
11. **If Yes Explain**: 
12. **Style of Building**: Nineteenth-century vernacular
13. **Date of Construction**: 1870-1878

**Material(s)**

- **Clapboard**: 
- **Asbestos Siding**: 
- **Brick**: 
- **Other (Specify)**: 
- **Wood Shingle**: 
- **Asphalt Siding**: 
- **Fieldstone**: 
- **Concrete Siding**: Cut stone Type: brownstone foundation
- **Board & Batten**: 
- **Stucco**: 
- **Cobblestone**: 
- **Aluminum Siding**: 
- **Wood Frame**: 
- **Post and Beam**: 
- **Balloon**: 
- **Other (Specify)**: 
- **Load Bearing Masonry**: 
- **Structural Iron or Steel**: 

**Structural System**

- **Wood Frame**: 
- **Post and Beam**: 
- **Balloon**: 
- **Other (Specify)**: 
- **Load Bearing Masonry**: 
- **Structural Iron or Steel**: 

**Roof (Type)**

- **Gable**: 
- **Flat**: 
- **Mansard**: 
- **Monitor**: 
- **Sawtooth**: 
- **Gambrel**: 
- **Shed**: 
- **Hip**: 
- **Round**: 
- **Other (Specify)**: 
- **Material**: 
- **Wood Shingle**: 
- **Asphalt**: 
- **Tin**: 
- **Slate**: 
- **Asphalt Shingle**: 
- **Built up**: 
- **Tile**: 
- **Other (Specify)**: 

**Number of Stories**: 2
**Approximate Dimensions**: 44 x 32

**Condition (Structural)**

- **Excellent**: 
- **Good**: 
- **Fair**: 
- **Deteriorated**: 

**Integrity (Landscape)**

- **On Original Site**: 
- **Moved**: 
- **Yes**: 
- **No**: 

**Related Outbuildings or Landscape Features**

- **Barn**: 
- **Shed**: 
- **Garage**: 
- **Other Landscape Features or Buildings (Specify)**: 
- **Carriage House**: 
- **Shop**: 
- **Garden**: 

**Surrounding Environment**

- **Open Land**: 
- **Woodland**: 
- **Residential**: 
- **Scattered buildings visible from site**: 
- **Commercial**: 
- **Industrial**: 
- **Rural**: 
- **High Building Density**: 

**Relationship of Building and Surroundings**

This nineteenth-century Vernacular-style house is sited on a small narrow lot in a relatively crowded residential neighborhood. Perry Street marks the western boundary and trees shade the house on the north and west. A driveway extends along the south boundary and a fence on the north separates the property from St. Mary's parking lot.
This asymmetrically planned house features a pedimented gable-to-street west elevation with paired first and second story four-over-four sash. The south elevation exhibits a one-story, shed-roofed ell with overhanging eaves, four-over-four sash, a main entrance door and two six-paned casement windows, this appearing to be a later addition. The north elevation displays a two-story flat-roofed ell with one small second story octagonal window and a second one-story shed-roofed ell with six-over-six sash extending to the east beyond the perimeters of the central gable.

The John P. Chamberlin Rental House on Maple Street was part of a much larger rectangular lot on Main Street in Unionville purchased vacant by Augustus Fuller in 1852 (FLR 52:455). This lot and house on Main Street, built by Fuller between 1852 and 1853, was purchased in 1857 by Franklin Chamberlin, a Springfield lawyer associated with local paper mill operators Messrs. Platter and Porter (FLR 55:190). In 1867 Franklin, then of Hartford, sold this lot with "buildings" to John P. Chamberlin (relation unknown); however, the Maple Street house was probably not yet built since according to land descriptions the "passway" (later Maple Street) did not extend this far (FLR 59:419). In addition, an 1859 map does not indicate a house in this area. When Chamberlin mortgaged his property to the Farmington Savings Bank in 1870, the "passway" reached the rear of his property and the description of his land with a "house, barn, and all improvements that may be hereafter put upon said premises," indicate his intention to build (FLR 63:66). The house was probably built between 1870 and 1878, as the 1878 map illustrates. Chamberlin lived with his wife Aurilla (McKillup), (1824-1885, b. Salem, New York), in the house on Main Street and probably rented the rear house to mill workers, as was common on Maple Street at the time. His occupation in 1859 was listed as a mechanic. After Aurilla died in 1885, the property was divided and held in a trust for Chamberlin's six grandchildren by their son Franklin A. (1849-1916). John P. retained title to the Maple Street house with a small plot of land until his death in 1893, when that too passed into Franklin's control (FPR 22:145, 161; FLR 70:379). The house finally left the Chamberlin (SEE CONT.)
family in the spring of 1920 when Franklin's widow Nellie F. (Cornelia Baldwin), representing their now dispersed children, sold the property to Michael and Margaret Crowe (FPR 34:203; FLR 80:163).

This house is historically significant due to its association with Maple Street, an area occupied by workers employed in Unionville's industries.