### Historic Resources Inventory

**Building and Structures**

**State of Connecticut**
**Connecticut Historical Commission**
59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
(203) 566-3005

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<th>Town No</th>
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**District**
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- [ ] NR
- [ ] Actual
- [ ] Potential

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**Identification**

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<tr>
<th>1. Building Name (Common)</th>
<th>Hawley-Curtiss House</th>
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<tr>
<td>2. Town City</td>
<td>Farmington</td>
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<td>3. Street and Number (and or, location)</td>
<td>724 Plainville Avenue</td>
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<td>4. Owner(s)</td>
<td>Krell, Peter A. and Mary M.</td>
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<td>5. Use (Present)</td>
<td>Residence</td>
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<td>6. Accessibility to Public</td>
<td>Exterior Visible from Public Road: [X] Yes [ ] No</td>
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<td>7. Style of Building</td>
<td>Colonial</td>
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<td>8. Material(s) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)</td>
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<td>- [X] Clapboard</td>
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<td>- [X] Cut Stone Type: brownstone foundation</td>
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<td>11. Number of Stories</td>
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<td>12. Approximate Dimensions</td>
<td>36 x 30 main block; 16 x 22; 18 x 51</td>
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**Description**

**Condition (Structural):** [ ] Excellent [X] Good [ ] Fair [ ] Deteriorated

**Integrity (Location):** [X] On original site [ ] Moved | When? [ ] Altered |
| [X] Yes [ ] No | IF YES EXPLAIN |

**Related Outbuildings or Landscape Features:**
- [X] Barn |
- [X] Shed |
- [ ] Garage |
- [ ] Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) |
- [ ] Carriage House |
- [ ] Shop |
- [ ] Garden |
- [ ] Commercial |
- [ ] Industrial |
- [X] Rural |

**Surrounding Environment:**
- [X] Open land |
- [ ] Woodland |
- [X] Residential |
- [ ] Scattered buildings visible from site |
- [ ] Commercial |
- [ ] Industrial |
- [ ] Rural |
- [X] High building density

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Facing east onto Plainville Avenue, the Hawley-Curtiss House sits on a small, open lot with various outbuildings. The rural character of the area has been significantly altered by a modern housing development to the north, west, and south. The only remaining open land lies to the east and is part of the Krell farm, the present owners of the property.
This five-bay, ridge-to-street, center-chimney Colonial-period house sits close to the road. Its entry door is not original and displays Victorian-period characteristics. Ornate dentils are found under the overhanging eaves and twelve-over-twelve sash exist throughout the house. A modern addition is attached to the west elevation and a shed has been added to the rear ell. Note the double overhang, a common feature found on Colonial-period architecture. A 1½ story ell is found on the rear elevation and a small barn and wood shed extend from the south elevation. Modern alterations include the large, picture window found on the south elevation.

Although the records are not entirely clear, the main portion of this house was probably constructed by Abner Curtiss in 1765. An older building may have been incorporated into the present dwelling. Captain Joseph Hawley, one of Farmington's early settlers, purchased this land in the 13th and 14th allotments of the first tier (sic) west of the reserved land between 1727 and 1734 (FLR 4:454?, 5:72, & 5:576). In 1736 he sold his sons, Samuel and Ebenezer, 200 acres in the 13th and 14 allotment (FLR 6:115). A dwelling house on this property was given to Samuel (FLR 6:115). In 1741/42 Samuel sold his 100 acres and dwelling house to his younger brother, Abel Hawley (FLR 6:276). The next owner was Abner Curtis of Wallingford, who purchased 150 acres with a dwelling house, barn, and fruit trees in the first tier from Hawley in 1765 (FLR 14:36). It is Curtis, a farmer, who is most likely responsible for erecting the house which stands on the property today. Curtis (1719-1782), the son of Joseph and Martha (Collins) of Wallingford, married Mary Chapman (1716-1782) of Unity, Connecticut in 1738. His second wife in 1782 was Mrs. Mary Whiting of Farmington. Curtis and his first wife had ten children, all born in Wallingford. His youngest child Ruth was born in Farmington in 1784. In 1792 Curtis sold the farm to Joel Peck (1750-1842) of Southington (FLR 29:122). Peck, like the previous owner, was a farmer. He is recorded as having married three times: Mary (1746-1821), Lucy (1749-1822), and Mary (1763-1836). In 1882 Peck sold half of the farm to his only son Jesse (FLR 41:225). Joel Peck sold the other half to his grandson, Joel Peck, Jr. in 1838 (FLR 45:266). Jesse Peck (1778-1856) received title to the homestead in 1839. (see cont. pg.)

The next owner was William Frisbie, Peck's son-in-law, who inherited the property in 1851 (FLR 11:208). Frisbie married Mary Peck (1809-1855) in 1826. In 1856 Frisbie sold the house to William and Richard Crampton (FLR 55:115). Both men were the sons of Adna and Ursula Crampton and were farmers. John B. Lewis a native of Stratford, Connecticut, acquired the land and house in 1865 (FLR 60:202). Little is known about Lewis, except that he was married to Cordelia A. Cummings, a native of Goshen, Connecticut, and raised a son, John P. Lewis. In 1873 Mary, the wife of John Cope bought the property (FLR 61:542). A native of Germany, Mary (Shelburger) Cope and her husband came to Farmington from Hartford. In 1892 Mary sold the farm to her son Joseph (FLR 68:614) who continued to farm the surrounding land. In 1889 he married Susie Odium (1867-1941), the daughter of George and Mary (Connelly) Odium. Her parents were both natives of Ireland. In 1909 the house was willed to five of Cope's children: John, Mary, Effie, Joseph F., and Sarah A. (FLR 74:200). Their mother Susie remained on the farm until her death in 1941. The Cope children cut back on farming and operated a small iron-working shop on the property and leased the farmland to others. In 1982 the house was sold out of the Cope family to a developer.

Although the original house remains relatively intact, the integrity of the site has been destroyed by modern development. The house itself, however, is historically significant as one of the oldest remaining structures in the West District of Farmington and is a good example of Colonial-period architecture.
724 Plainville Ave., Farmington

Features Include:
• 3 Bedroom
• 2 1/2 Baths
• 10 Rooms
• 4 Fireplaces
• 3 Bay Garage
• 1.3 Acres
• Barn w/add. living area
• Cath. Kit. w/ skylights
• Warm air / Central air
• Public Utilities

Historic Property
$530,000

Vintage circa 1765 Colonial, meticulously restored in "94". Featuring wide plank Chesnut & Heartwood in keeping with its natural Historic Beauty.

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