Moses, Seymour D., House

Farmington Unionville Hartford

Griffin, Mary A. & Howard W.

Residence

Nineteenth-century Vernacular with Greek Revival-style between 1861-1866

Clapboard

Asbestos Siding

Brick

(Specify)

Wood Shingle

Asphalt Siding

Fieldstone

Board & Batten

Stucco

Cobblestone

Aluminum Siding

Concrete Type:

Cut stone Granite foundation

Wood frame

Post and beam

x Balloon

Other (Specify)

Load bearing masonry

Structural iron or steel

Gable

Flat

Mansard

Monitor

Sawtooth

Gambrel

Shed

Hip

Round

Other (Specify)

Wood Shingle

Roll

Asphalt

Tin

Slate

Asphalt shingle

Built up

Tile

Other (Specify)

2

40 x 48

Excellent

x Good

Fair

Deteriorated

Excellent

x Good

Fair

Deteriorated

On original site

Moved

Yes

No

Barn

Shed

x Garage

Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)

Carriage house

Shop

Garden

Open land

Wooded

x Residential

Scattered buildings visible from site

Commercial

Industrial

Rural

High building density

The Seymour D. Moses House faces west onto Lovely Street. It is situated on a large lot with tall pines on the north, east, and south sides.
This two-story "L" shaped house with cross gables displays Greek Revival-style influence. Windows throughout have six-over-six sash with shutters. The large cornice returns on the gable end of the west elevation enclose a segmental-arched, attic story window with shutters. A two bay facade below features a rectangular, tri-partite bay with side lights, and a four-paned entry door with a Greek Revival-style frame and wide frieze. The crossing wing with gable end on the south elevation features a one-story screened-in porch on its west side and a two story gabled ell on the east. The south and north elevations display exterior, gable wall chimneys.

Seymour Davis Moses (b. 1826) lived in Canton where he married Harriet Mills in 1852. He became active in the Canton Center Congregational Church which he joined in 1847, yet was dismissed with his wife in 1859. They joined the First Congregational Church in Cornwall in 1860 only to be dismissed again in 1861. In February of that year Seymour purchased a lot "nearly opposite of A.S. Mills' house", from Albert Hills' large landholdings on Lovely Street in Unionville (FLR 58:411). The house was built between then and the fall of 1866 when Seymour mortgaged his one acre "with dwelling" to the Farmington Savings Bank (FLR 60:442). Always an active member in church affairs, Seymour was appointed one of two deacons to the First Church of Christ Congregational in Unionville in 1864 and served in this position at least five years. (An 1869 map shows a house in this location attributed to Dea. S. Moses). After a new pastor was installed in 1869 Seymour again relocated, selling his property to William Delaney of the Delaney and Munson Paper Company and moving to Manhattan, Kansas (FLR 61:262, 271; 64:594). In August of 1872 William transferred the house and land to his wife Mercy Ann (b. 1805, Southampton, Massachusetts) who died intestate (FLR 61:467). In 1886 James W., one of the five Delaney sons, sold his parents' property to Fanny E. Bixby (FPR 16:282; FLR 66:479). Fanny died in 1895 leaving the property to her husband Frederick (FLR 70:560). Two years later Frederick sold the property to Lewis L. Johnson, only to buy it back in 1903 (FLR 71:317,695). Charles A. Hackney purchased the property upon Frederick's death in 1905, and it remained in his family until 1940.
The Seymour D. Moses House is a well-preserved nineteenth-century vernacular-style house and therefore contributes to the architectural development of Lovely Street. This house is significant to Unionville due to its association with Seymour Moses.

References cont.

60 Lovely Street

Built: 1861-66
For: Seymour D. Moses

Owners

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This property was once part of the Hill farm; see 42 Lovely Street for history prior to 1861. In 1861 Albert Hill sold this land to Seymour Moses (58-411); in October 1866 Moses mortgaged the land "with a dwelling house" to the Farmington Savings Bank (60-442). So the house was built between 1861 and 1866.

Research on the residents of this house will be done at a later date.