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16. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This ca. 1875 house was originally a considerably smaller two-story structure with single-story additions at the rear and along the eastern side. The house was remodeled and expanded ca. 1900 with the addition of a large two-story gable and cross-gable section behind the original front gable along with the addition of a large two-and-a-half-story rear block. The former small full-width porch was replaced with a more extensive wraparound porch, altered after 1948 to the current arrangement of two separate side porches.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house at 87 East Third Street fits well into a neighborhood of large, nineteenth century historic homes. The shallow setback and small front yard is similar to those of other houses on East Third Street. The front yard is generally level, but the lot slopes away from East Third Street from south to north. There is a wood picket fence along the eastern side of the lot and some landscaping on the site.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This structure was converted ca. 1900 from a fairly simple cottage residence to a much larger house with Queen Anne Style elements. Decorative features on the complicated roof plane include cross-gables on either side of the house, a stepped-back two-story gable section, and a raised gable protruding from the two-and-a-half-story rear section.

The house is clad in wood shingles and has a fieldstone foundation. The front gable section has clipped corner bays. Shed roofs over each of the side porches provide a unique winged aspect to the front facade. Windows on the front facade and on most of the house are one-over-one double-hung sash, including an unusual half-width window on the south side of the eastern cross-gable bay.

The primary entrance to the house is on the southwest corner under a shed-roofed porch with turned supports. There is also a canted side

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES...(continued):

entrance at the first floor level of the cross-gable bay under the novelty sash. Both panel and glass doors are identical. A two-over-two double-hung sash window is set on the wall facade of the east bay for added decorative interest. Small two-light casement window appear in the cross-gable ends.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The property at 87 East Third Street was sold twice in 1880, for \$950 and \$750. Orlando Pomeroy Robinson, later a resident of 56 East Third Street, sold the house in 1889 to William M. Brewer for \$1750. Brewer was listed in local city directories as a locomotive engineer with the Fall Brook Railroad in Corning. His wife Catherine continued to live in the house after his death, and the house ultimately remained in the Brewer family until 1962. Architecturally, the house demonstrates the adaptation of an earlier structure to meet the stylistic challenge of an economically booming neighborhood. The house at 87 East Third, as well as nearby structures at 79 and 81 East Third Street, show the physical changes that accompanied the rise in prosperity of their owners.

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