

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

- * The Victorian Eclectic style house at 2 Bixby Hill Road is a front-gabled, 2 1/2-story, 2x2-bay form with a 1-story ell attached to the west elevation
- * The corner entry, recessed in a cutaway porch, is covered by a semi-circular hood supported by Doric columns; a secondary porch covers the south elevation of the ell and is supported by posts with jigsaw brackets; a small rectangular bay window of 1 story projects from the south elevation of the main block
- * Architectural detail includes the 3 courses of stagger-but shingles at the second story and in two levels in the gable peaks, the flared course of shingles that divides the first story from the second, and the molded cornice which appears at the soffit that divides the second story from the gable
- * Windows are mainly 1/1 double hung sash with some 2/2 examples in varied locations; window trim is plain except around the gable peak window which has the upper soffit as a hood and three small brackets below
- * The corner entrance has plain trim
- * The detached shed may have once functioned as a garage and is clad in wood shingles
- * The house is well-maintained and appears to retain most original materials and design features

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners /occupants played within the community.

The Victorian Eclectic style design combines Colonial Revival and Medieval inspired elements which suggests a construction date around 1900 (The 1889 atlas does not depict the building). The Christian Union Church at 35 West Main Street (MHC #268) was the owner of the house by 1907. The church's Centennial Anniversary Booklet states the society bought the house in that year for a parsonage but does not specify that they had it built which may mean it was built previously as a residence. It was sold in 1950 which was the same year the church merged with the Union Congregational Church and no longer needed a parsonage since they shared a minister.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Centennial Anniversary Booklet of the Christian Union Church, 1985;

**** All properties mentioned in bold type are individually inventoried resources**

- Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement Form.
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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2 Bixby Hill Rd