Located on the south side of Mountain Road, east of Reservoir Road, this house sits setback from the street. Its large lawn is enhanced by flowers and trees. Scattered buildings are visible from the site.
During the twentieth century, this house was enlarged and altered to appear as it does today. In 1906 the building featured a single gable along the front facade which formed the ridge-to-street roof making a cross gable. Later the building was lengthened by an addition and the present twin gables and entry doors were added to form two separate units. The original three-bay facade now features five bays. Of note are the modest entry porches, two-over-two sash, and original flushboards in the facade gables.

This house was built in 1882 by Abraham Miles (1862-1904) on land he purchased from his mother in the fall of 1881 (FLR 65:551). In June of 1882 he mortgaged the half-acre lot "with a dwelling house" to the Savings Bank of New Britain (FLR 65:617).

Born in Farmington, Abraham was the fifth son of butcher Isaac Miles and his wife Rebecca (Gallaher) Miles. In 1881 he married Annabella Gallagher and they had one daughter, Nettie Laura (b. 1881). Abraham sold the house to his elder brother, Isaac Miles, in 1884 (FLR 68:106). Employed as a "prepman", Isaac, his wife Susan (Gallaher), and two young children lived in the house for four years. Upon moving to New Britain in 1889, he sold the house to Lila M. (Gallagher) Miles, the wife of his elder brother, William Samuel Miles (FLR 68:423). Lila and William were married on July 4, 1882. It was his second marriage. William was employed as a house painter, but is also recorded as a "butcher" and "laborer". According to Mrs. Miles, all six of her children were born in this house. Upon retiring to Florida, the Miles sold the house to Genevieve Chase Hewes of 50 High Street in 1920 (FLR 80:600). She used the dwelling to house her gardener, Antonio DiTroccchio and his family. In 1926 Mr. DiTroccchio and Antonio Labbadia acquired the property and they are the ones responsible for enlarging the house to a duplex (FLR 83:543). The house today is owned by the Labbadia family.

The Abraham Miles House is architecturally significant due to its Gothic Revival influence and good state of preservation.
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ADDRESS:

Mountain Road

DATE BUILT: ca. 1882 FOR: William S. & Lila Miles

ARCHITECT

MASTER-BUILDER

FORMER OWNERS:


REFERENCES: "Farmington, Conn., 1906", p. 128 (under 'Niles').

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This house was built during ownership of Abraham Miles.

Mrs. Lila Miles, aged 89, in 1951, says all of her children were born in this house. Mabel M. Brockway, 68, is the oldest.
88 Mountain Road

This house is pictured on page 128 of the Farmington Book as the residence of William S. Miles, which should have been written as Miles.

Rebecca Miles, of the former Eli Todd house on High Street, had inherited the land on which this house stands, at the death of her husband, Isaac Miles, in 1880. Library records show the title passing to Abraham Miles in 1881, but also show that this house was built for William S. Miles and his wife, the former Ida M. Lawrence, in 1882. William and Abraham Miles were brothers.

Two children were born of the 1876 marriage of William Samuel Miles and Ida M. Lawrence, daughter of the Robert Lawrence of Waterville Road. The first child was William George Miles, 1877-1920, nicknamed "Pete". The second child was Isaac Francis Miles III, born in 1878. The marriage soon ended in divorce. Mrs. Miles moved to New York City, taking her younger son with her, and re-marrying, becoming Mrs. Van Asbeck. "Pete" lived in Farmington with his father until about 1893, when he joined his mother in New York.

On July 4, 1882, William Miles re-married, marrying Lila M. Gallagher, daughter of Thomas. We do not know where William Miles had lived during his first marriage and the early years of his second, but in 1889 his wife Lila Miles purchased this house (now much changed, which is known as 88 Mountain Road. They may have lived in this house prior to purchase, as William's brothers, Abraham and Isaac, had in turn owned this house before his wife's purchase. Mrs. Lila Miles made a statement in the early 1950's, saying that all of her children had been born in this house. The children were:

- Mabel H. Miles, m. 1906 Charles H. (Chet) Brockway, who died in 1928,
- Lila S. Miles, 1885-1921, m. 1912 Harry L. Hart,
- Howard T. Miles, 1887-1888,
- Ernest S. Miles, born 1890, now deceased, m. 1915 Mary A. Sears, in 1927 they were living in Htfd, Mrs. Miles presently residing on Beacon Street,
- Sarah M. Miles, known as Sally, m. 1912 Arthur E. Burnham, in 1927 were living in Oakland Gardens, Farmington. He died 1950.
- m. 1971 Karl Dupree, presently live in Southington,
- Rebecca Miles, 1894-ca 1970, m. 1920 Raymond F. Flynn, in 1927 were living in Hartford.

The William Miles house, this one at 88 Mountain Road, was sold in 1920 to Genevieve Chase Heves of 50 High Street. Mr. and Mrs. Miles took up residence in the Brockway's part-time home at Florida's Daytona Beach, and it was there that Mr. Miles died in 1927, his widow living her later life with the Brockways.

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Mr. Brockway died in 1928. His widow, Mabel, and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Dupree, the latter being Mrs. Brockway's sister, presently reside in Southington, Connecticut.

See the account of 37 Main Street for more regarding the Miles family.

Genevieve C. Hewes, wife of Thomas Hewes of 50 High Street, purchased this house from the Miles family in 1920 as a residence for Antonio Ditrocchio and his family, Mr. Ditrocchio being the gardener for the Hewes family at that time.

Six years later Mr. Ditrocchio was able to purchase the house from the Hewes family. He added rooms to it, and in 1933 made it a two-family house. Antonio's son Rocco and his wife lived there with his parents.

Mrs. Antonio Ditrocchio died in 1935, her husband living until 1951.

Rocco Ditrocchio built his own house at 78 Mountain Road in 1957, on part of the same property, and lives there at the present time.

Resident at 88 Mountain Road as shown in the 1972 telephone directory is A. Labbadia.

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