The Ditson Pond Company Rental House #2 faces north onto Forest Street. Large trees exist on the property. The surrounding built environment consists of residences similar in age.
This Italianate-style residence serves as a two-family residence. The original details that remain are an Italianate-style, arch-paned door and a small vented cupola. Two open porches on the north elevation of the building exhibit plain supports and balustrades. A one-story addition has been added to the south elevation. Two-over-two sash remain throughout the house.

**Architect**

Griswold, Butler, & Patterson

This house was built in 1866 for industrial entrepreneur, James L. Cowles, who contracted with the Ditson Pond Company, manufacturers of flutes and other musical instruments, to build this tenement as workers’ housing. It became one of many houses in the area known as "Flutesville". The company sold out of the Delaney and Munson Company, paper manufacturers, by 1869 before purchasing the eight mentioned in the Cowles-Ditson and Pond contract (FLR 59:533). William Griswold, [Charles] Butler, and [?] Patterson were the builders of this house and several others on Forest Street. In 1879 Cowles sold the 2/3 acre property for $1,000 to Mary Carroll, of whom little is known. The house remained in the Carroll family until 1920 (FLR 80:153).

It is significant due to its historical associations with the Ditson and Pond Company and the "Flutesville area".

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