

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known[X] b. zoning[] c. roads[]
d. developers[] e. deterioration[]
f. other:
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn[] b. carriage house[] c. garage[]
d. privy[] e. shed[] f. greenhouse[]
g. shop[] h. gardens[]
i. landscape features: See Continuation Sheet
j. other:
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (Check more than one if necessary)
a. open land[] b. woodland[]
c. scattered buildings[]
d. densely built-up[] e. commercial[]
f. industrial[] g. residential[X]
h. other:
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

See Continuation Sheet
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:
(Including interior features if known):

See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1880

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

The exterior of this house and the property has been altered several times. A two-story garage was added ca. 1911 along the eastern line of the lot and was torn down ca. 1937, around the time that extensive changes were made to the house. Also in 1937, the east side of the lot was divided to form another lot on which a house was constructed, known as 3 Catherine Street. Alterations done to the house at 1 Catherine Street in 1937 were completed by the Corning Building Company. At this time, the house footprint nearly doubled in size when smaller, one-story additions, made at an earlier, unknown date, on the southern side of the house were torn down and the two story house was enlarged towards the south. Extensive records of the bid by the Corning Building Company for this addition exist for February 15, 1937. More recently, the siding was replaced in October 1975.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Located at the southern end of Cedar Street, this home is a focal point as one travels up the climbing slope of the street. Also, this residence appears to be much older than the other houses in this neighborhood. The house to the west is a much more modern dwelling. The house at 1 Catherine Street has a narrow lot and the neighboring houses to the east and west are set close to the lot lines. In addition, this house and those to both east and west have extremely small setbacks.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This house, because it was originally built as a rectangular block and has since been substantially altered, still has some of the characteristics that are typical of the cottages in the area. The older part of the house has a front-gabled roof with returns over two-stories that are three bays wide. The projecting front porch with the main entrance is located on the easternmost bay of the original gable. The porch is fully enclosed and has a single door with a segmental top flanked by paired pilasters with tall, slender lights between. The sides of the porch feature that same design as the front door but are fixed. The roof of the porch is flat and has overhanging eaves. There are six concrete steps that lead up to the main entrance. In the other two bays on the first story and all three bays on the second floor are six-over-six-lights with double-hung sash. Flanking each window is a pair of louvred shutters.

East of the original gable is a two-story wing that extends from the original east facade. This wing is symmetrical and has two sets of french doors that open onto a patio in the northeast corner of the property. Centered above the sets of french doors is a window identical to those of the original gable.

The foundation of the house is partially raised and has been veneered with rough-formed brick courses. There is a red brick chimney on the exterior of the western side of the main gable. The east and west elevations continue in the same type of fenestration as described for the principal facade. The south facade of the house, however, is different from the other three. This facade, which features a projecting pedimented entry in its center on the first floor, has a projecting bay to each side of this central entrance. The westernmost bay projects about twice as far from the face of the house than does the addition to the east. The facades of the bays are identical; they feature two story bay windows with capped roofs.

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1 Catherine Street
Corning, New York

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

One of the earliest houses built this far up on the hill, 1 Catherine Street has had many important owners. An 1893 map shows the home, about half the size as it is now, belonging to James Hanmer. Hanmer, a travelling salesman, lived in the house with his wife, Elizabeth, until his death around 1897. By 1901, Dr. Charles Buckland, a dentist with offices at 46 East Market Street, had moved into the house. In 1923, David Gray, a foreman for Corning Glass Works, had purchased the property. In February of 1937, the Corning Building Company made a bid for construction work on the house and won the

commission from Gray. Gray himself has many interesting relationships; his father invented the telephone at the same time as Alexander Graham Bell but didn't get the patent in before Bell and one of his brothers was the stage manager for Helen Hayes when she first began her acting career.

The current residents of the house, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Pinkston III, have many ties to the area. Mrs. Pinkston is from a prominent Elmira family and Mr. Pinkston is the grandson of Marvin Olcott, the important Corning businessman who owned a large house on the southwest corner of Cedar and East Fifth streets.

21. SOURCES:

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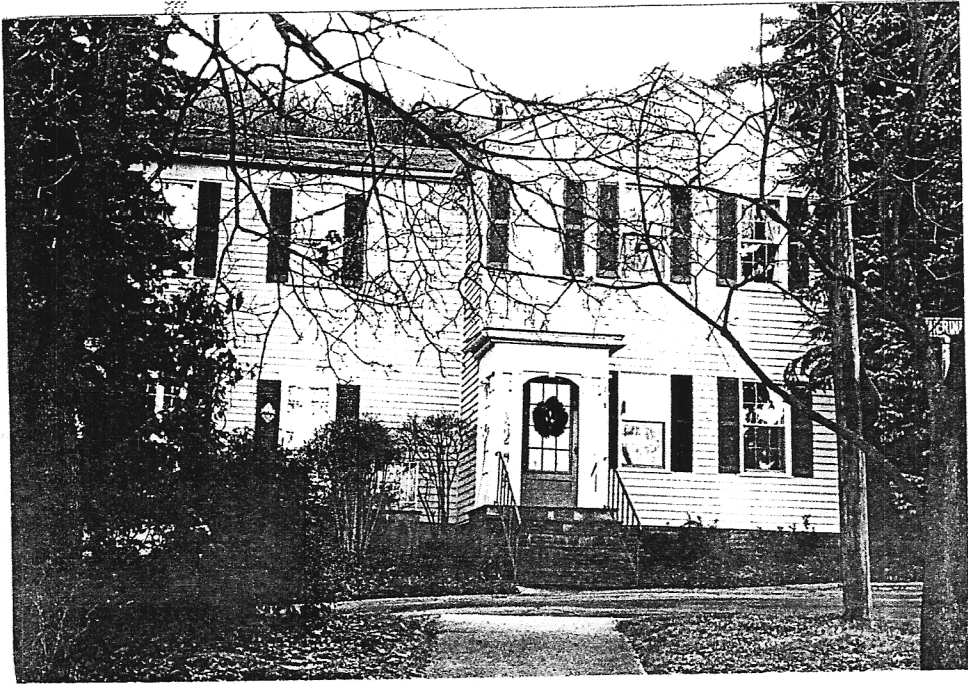
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