

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 164 Cedar Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public[] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: August V. Titi ADDRESS: 570 W. Third Street
Corning, NY 14830
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes[X] No[]

Interior accessible: no, private residence

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL a. clapboard[] b. stone[] c. brick[] d. board & batten[]
e. cobblestone[] f. shingles[X] g. stucco[] other:
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints[]
b. wood frame with light members[X]
c. masonry load bearing walls[]
d. metal (explain)
e. other
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent[] b. good[X] c. fair[] d. deteriorated[]
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site[X] b. moved[] if so, when?
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

See Continuation Sheet

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known[X] b. zoning[] c. roads[]
d. developers[] e. deterioration[]
f. other:
15. RELATED OUT BUILDINGS 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[X] e. commercial[]
f. industrial[] g. residential[X]
h. other:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

See Continuation Sheet

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1929

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11. INTEGRITY

Addition to east facade post 1930. Some records of structural alterations/additions are available at the City of Corning Building Department.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the east side of Cedar Street, this residence is one of a row of nineteenth and early twentieth century homes of several styles. These houses have varying setbacks from the street and are inconsistent in their north to south spacing.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This duplex is designed in the Craftsman style of architecture. The structure's identifying features, as noted in A Field Guide to American Houses (McAlester), include: block-like massing of the main house and its secondary design features; informal and asymmetrical placement of windows; a low-pitched pyramidal roof with eave overhangs; and corner porches with square piers on both stories of the principle facade. The walls are clad with square shingles, and a balustrade ornaments the second-story porch.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

In 1873 the property was owned by Christian G. Howell, who owned several parcels of land in the neighborhood. In 1923 it was sold to Corra C. Russell, a widow, by Frank A. Howell, grandson of Christian G. Howell. About 1929, Ms. Russell constructed the duplex for her and her daughter, who occupied the building until 1944. The structure has since been occupied by employees of local industry such as the Corning Glass Works and the New York Railroad, and retirees. The maintenance of affordable multi-family housing such as this has consistently allowed for a broad range in types of people to reside in the area, and consequently contributes to the stability of the Southside Neighborhood.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930; Corning Fire Department Maps, 1852, 1893.



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