



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~161 Chemung St.~~

2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning

VILLAGE:

3. STREET LOCATION: 161 Chemung Street

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]

5. PRESENT OWNER: Douglas Wolfe

← ADDRESS: 161 Chemung St.

6. USE: Original: Single family residence

← Present: Single family residence

7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [X] No []

← Interior accessible: Yes [] No [X] Explain: Private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL
a. clapboard [] b. stone [] c. brick [] d. board & batten []
e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [X] g. stucco [] other:
wood square butt

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 [] b. moved [X] if so, when? 1915-17
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): SCS

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known 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
j. other: car port
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
h. other:
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
- 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. 1850-70

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

Originally part of 144 East First Street, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicate that the building has undergone many changes. The 1893 map indicates various wings extending to the rear of the property, the section that was to become 161 Chemung Street was one of these. Most of them were removed by 1921. The greatest change occurred in 1915-17 when a two-story section of the building was disconnected and moved to the rear of the property to create the residence at 161 Chemung Street. The one-story porch extending the length of the principal (east) facade and present sheathing of the building -- wood square butt shingles are later alterations.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the west side of Chemung Street, this residence is one of a row of mid-nineteenth century homes. These houses have similar setbacks from the street but are somewhat inconsistent in their east to west spacing. Many of the residences on this block were homes of doctors and often contained office space, as this house did in 1898 when it was part of 144 East First Street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

161 Chemung Street is an example of an Italianate Style residence. This style was popular in Corning from 1850 to 1890. The overall form of the house is characterized by a central two-story square block. A small one-story projection is located off the rear (west) facade. One story porches are located on the main (east) and south facades. The porch on the south facade has decorative brackets that support the slight overhang of the roof. These brackets mimic those supporting the overhanging eaves of the main roof. The principal facade lacks balanced organization indicating that it was not designed as a main facade but was converted to serve as one when this section of the building became free-standing. The rear (west) facade of 161 Chemung Street was attached to 144 East First Street as evidenced by the lack of windows and original brackets. Originally sheathed in wood clapboarding set on a coursed stone foundation, it is now covered in wood square butt shingles. The windows are one-over-one double-hung sash. Other Italianate elements found on this building as well as on the house located at 144 East First Street include the hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves supported by ornately carved paired brackets, the tall, narrow windows found on the first floor, along with modified segmented arch lintels. Other noteworthy features are the projecting bay window located on the first floor of the south facade and the decorative brick chimney.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Stephen T. Hayt, one of the most prominent citizens of Corning in the last half of the nineteenth century is listed as living at 144 East First Street in the 1872-73 and 1874-75 Elmira & Corning City Directories, but it is likely he had been living here before that date. Hayt was born in Patterson, New York on June 25, 1823. He moved to Corning in 1833 with his parents and continued to live in the city throughout his lifetime. In his early career he was extensively involved in mercantile and lumbering interests and since 1869 he was involved with the milling business, as he owned Southern Tier Flouring Mills, which had the capacity to produce 175 barrels per day in the late 1860s. He was involved in local politics and held various town and country offices. In 1863 and 1865 he was elected to the Senate. From 1866 to 1869 he served as the canal commissioner. In 1866 Hayt was a delegate to the National Republican Convention. He lived at 144 East First Street until his death in 1908. After his death, his son J. Towner Hayt, continued to live at this address until 1914. In 1915-1916 no one is listed as living here. Between 1915 and 1917 Daniel C. Rogers, a foreman with the New York City Railroad, purchased the property and removed a section of the house relocated it to the rear of the property and subdivided the lot, creating the house at 161 Chemung Street. In 1917 he rented the property to Jennie M. Jones. The following year he sold 144 East First Street to Harry Ecker and moved into 161 Chemung Street. Rodgers retired in 1933 and lived there until his death in 1936. His widow, Elizabeth Rodgers lived here until 1941.

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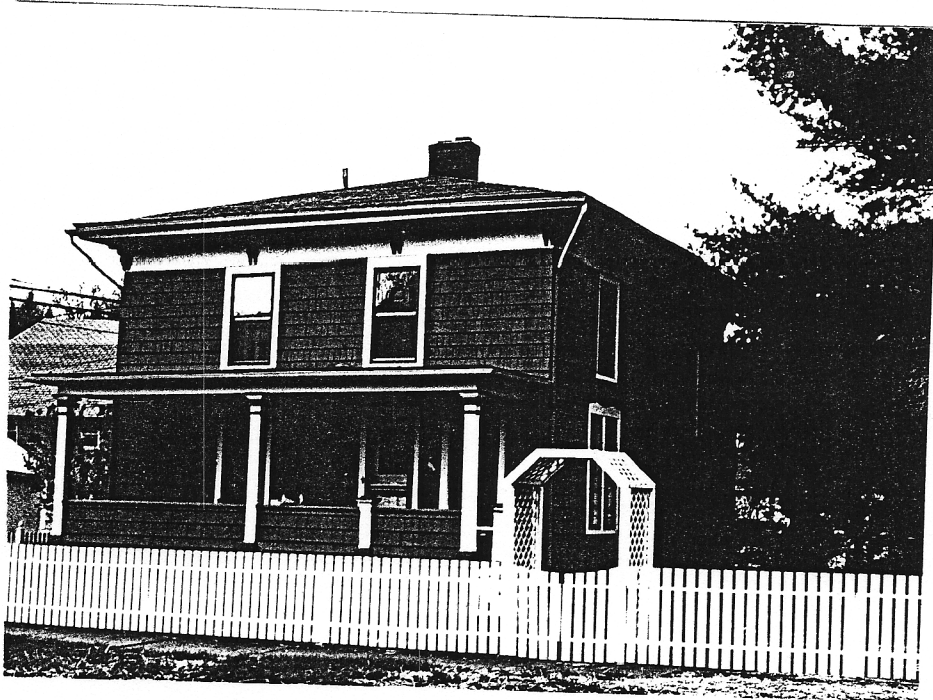
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