

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____

QUAD _____

SERIES _____

NEG. NO. _____

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~163 Chemung St~~

2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning

VILLAGE:

3. STREET LOCATION: 163 Chemung ~~Street~~

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

5. PRESENT OWNER: Francis Schosger

← ADDRESS: 30 Meads Creek Road

6. USE: Original: Single family residence

← Present: Two 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 [X] b. stone [] c. brick [] d. board & batten []
e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [] g. stucco [] other:

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
a. wood frame with interlocking joints [←]
b. wood frame with light members [X] *age indicates (a)*
c. masonry load bearing walls []
d. metal (explain)
e. other

10. CONDITION: a. excellent [] b. good [] c. fair [←] d. deteriorated [X]

11. INTEGRITY: a. original site [X] b. moved [] if so, when?
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

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: None

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):

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1830-50

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

While the building has not undergone any major changes since 1893, it is likely that the one-story wing located off of the rear (west) facade and the one-story wing that extends along the north facade of the house were added sometime after the initial construction of the central two-story block. The one-story porch located on the main facade is a circa 1920 addition. Originally built as a single family residence, today it serves as a low income housing two-family residence.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the west side of Chemung Street, it is likely this residence is one of the oldest homes in Corning's Southside neighborhood. 163 Chemung Street is modest in size compared to its neighbors.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

163 Chemung Street is an example of a transitional Federal Style/Greek Revival building. The overall form is characterized by a rectangular, two-story block with one-story wings off the rear (west) facade. A one-story lean-to is located on the southern corner on the west facade while another one story wing extends off the northern corner of the west facade and extends to the rear of the property line. The building is sheathed in clapboard siding. The two-over-two double-hung windows appear to be original as do the shutters. The roof is covered in composition shingles. Federal Style features include the three-bay symmetrical arrangement of the facade, with the centrally placed doorway, and the low-pitched side-gabled roof, with the ridge of the roof running parallel to the street. The most characteristic Greek Revival feature is the wide cornice with returns suggesting a classical entablature. The porch was added later and reflects Craftsman influence by its use of tapered piers supported by a parapet wall.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The house located at 163 Chemung Street is significant as one of the oldest homes in the Southside Neighborhood. George B. Dyer sold the house to Hannah Townley in 1864 for \$500. In 1872 William E. Clark purchased the property from the heirs of Hannah Townley through a Quit Claim Deed for \$375. The property was sold to Tanis W. Loveless, of King & Loveless who lived their until his death; his widow Elizabeth Loveless sold the house to John F. Bierwiler in 1911 who owned it until

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1940. During the 1900s the house was rented to Mrs. Fidelia E. Wolcott.

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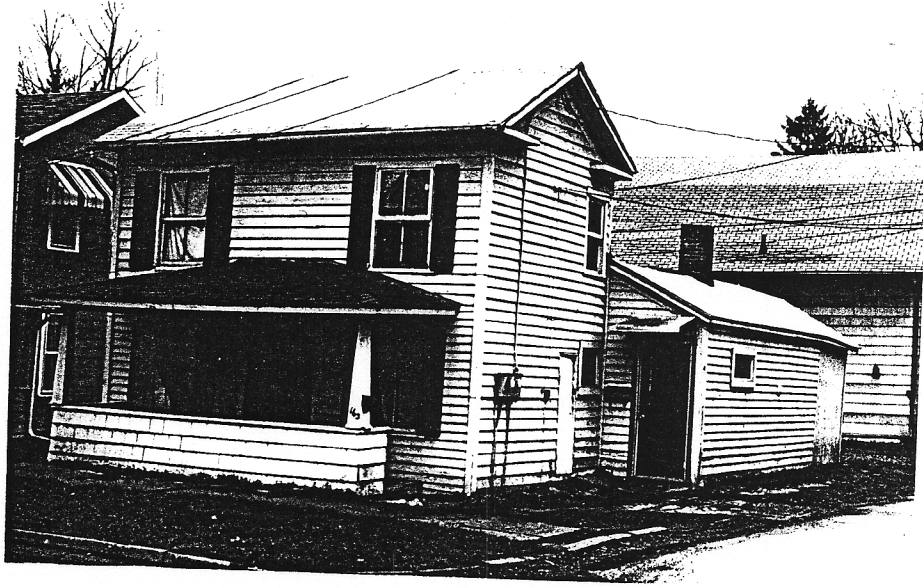
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