

**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: 185 Chemung Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ X ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Robert Jack ADDRESS: 185 Chemung Street
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: 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 [ ] g. stucco [ ] other: asbestos shingle
- 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 [ ] c. fair [ X ] 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  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  
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   
h. other:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING 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. 1905

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

In 1893, the building listed as 210 Chemung is a two-story dwelling with a north side porch and a one-story wing of the back. In 1898, a one-story wing is added to the back of the wing and a porch was built between the main block and the second wing. In 1903, a small privy is located on the alley and the house is listed as 187 Chemung. In 1908, an entirely new house was built bit farther south on the lot. This house is a long rectangular shape of two stories with a one-story porch across the front and a back side porch on the south facade. In 1913, the house changed from two-stories to 2 1/2 stories. In 1921 a one-story bay window was added to the north facade.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house is situated on the west side of Chemung Street and along the alley which divides block 41 in half. The houses on this side of the street are on relatively small lots since they were built on the various division of two lots.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This house built around 1905 was designed in the Queen Anne Style of architecture. It is typified by the front gabled roof form which tended to occur frequently in detached urban houses on narrow lots. There is a cross gable positioned on the south facade and in the center of the rectangular form. It exhibits the typical Queen Anne features as a steeply pitched roof, dominant front facing gable, patterned shingles in the gable end and a full width one story porch along the front. The window are tall, single paned double-hung sash. The square gable end window may have originally been more decorative and perhaps a Queen Anne window. While the house would originally have had decorative turned porch supports, now there are plain 4" x 4" posts and the balustrade which would have had spindles or solid spandrels, is now enclosed with plywood. This house sits on an ashlar foundation and is covered with asbestos wall shingles and asphalt roof shingles.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This lot, originally bought in 1855 by Lydia Edwards from Hiram W. Bostwich for \$310, was 63' x 165'. In 1866, Lydia Edwards sold the the lot alone to George P. Nixon for \$307. Shortly after a house listed as 210 Chemung was built. In 1880, George P. Nixon sold the house to his son, James L. Nixon for \$800. A year later, James Nixon sold the property for \$690 to William James Hewlett. Hewlett also sold the lot shortly after to Noble Hill for \$850, who remained there for ten years. Alice M. Thurber in 1894, bought the house and the lot being 57' x 63' for \$925. She transferred the house to her husband Joseph N. Thurber's name in 1901. When Joseph Thurber passed away in 1902, the house went back into Alice Thurber's name. She continued to live there until 1920, when Alice M. White, her remarried name, sold the house to Samuel A. Jack. After Samuel A. Jack's death in 1966, his widow, Olive Jack sold the house to her son and his wife, Janet and Robert Jack, the present owners.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories

Steuben County Deeds

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning 1893, 1903, 1908, 1921, 1930.



↑ 185 Chemung