

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: 238 Chestnut Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a: public [] b: private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Marion H. Holmes & Helen Searles ADDRESS: 217 Oneida Pl.
- 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 [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]
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 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:

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:

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22. THEME:

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11C. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

No major alterations are known to have been made to the exterior of the house since it was built ca 1905, according to the Sanborn maps.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is located in the north section of lot 9, block 74 to the east side of Chestnut Street. The residence is one of a row of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century homes. The setback, scale, and style of this house are inconsistent with that of its neighbors to both sides which are a double-house to the north and a "Hipped Bungalow" to the south. The north-to-south spacing is also inconsistent.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

An example of the vernacular Queen Anne Style, this residence can also be defined as a "gabled-ell cottage" according to Herbert Gottfried & Jan Jennings in their book American Vernacular Design. Gabled-ell cottages are notable for their intersecting gables, sometimes with one clipped gable which receives applications of shingles or stickwork ornament.

The central gabled section of this residence projects out toward Chestnut Street. The principal facade is oriented to the west. The porch in the ell is located on the north side of the house. It has a closed railing and turned posts. The fenestration is symmetrical in all facades excepting on the east. The windows are primarily one-over-one double-hung sash. A square window is centered in the gable end.

The house is sided in wood clapboard shingles. The roof is done in asphalt shingles. The foundation wall is prominent and is parged in cement.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is located on lot 9, block 74 as shown on the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. According to Auwaerter, the development of this section of the Southside neighborhood of Corning, occurred slowly, and "as late as 1911, there was much open land along Fifth Street and above." There were many Irish people living on this area of the Southside neighborhood to the point of being called "Irish Hill". Albert Sullivan, who was a glass cutter owned a house on this parcel ca. 1893. In 1922, William Holmes bought the house in which three generations of Holmes have lived. William Sidney Holmes Jr. passed the house on his son Marion, as his last will on December, 1980. The Holmes also owned the house next doors on 240 Chestnut Street in 1922.

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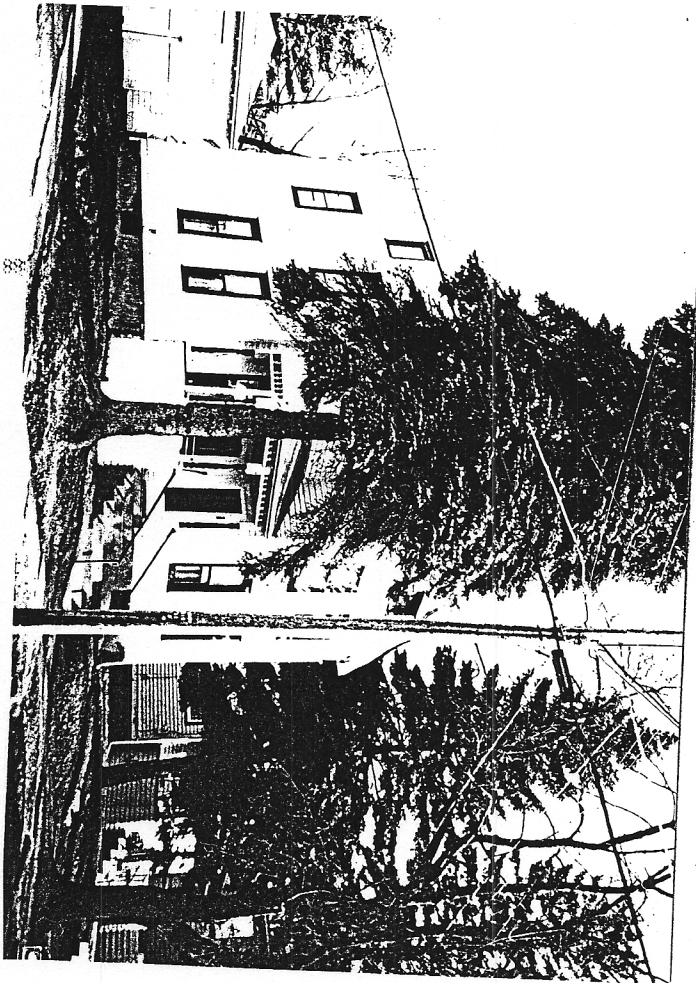
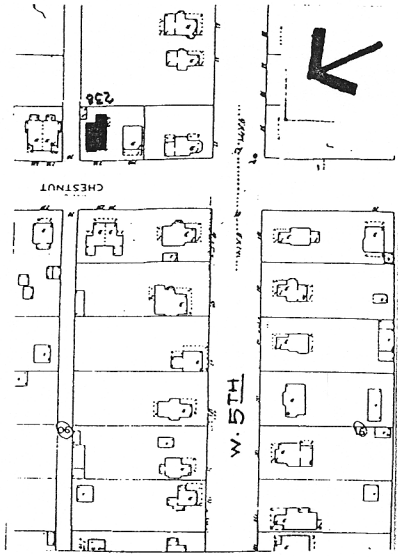
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

Northeast Facade



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