

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 261 Chestnut Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Paul T. Falsey ADDRESS: 261 Chestnut Street
- 6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: single-family residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road Yes No
Interior accessible: Yes No Explain: Private Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard 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
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal
e. other (explain)
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when?
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

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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 BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:
- 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. 1907
- ARCHITECT:
- BUILDER:
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
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21. SOURCES:
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22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

A small single-story wing appears to have been added to the rear (west) of the house sometime after 1948, replacing a single-story full-width porch. An attached garage was added ca. 1925 to the southwest corner of the house.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the west side of Chestnut Street, this residence is one of a row of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century homes. The styles, spacing, setback, and sizes of the houses are inconsistent.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-and-a-half story structure is designed in the Queen Anne Style of architecture. The house which A Field Guide to American Houses would refer to as a "Free Classic", exhibits many identifying features of the Queen Anne Style including a steeply-pitched irregular roof, a single-story, full-width porch, and textured shingle decoration.

The house has a hipped roof with lower cross gables, a feature common to over half of all Queen Anne houses. The full-width porch covering the front (east) facade has four Ionic columns. Pent gables are located on the north, south, and east of the house; they feature wood shingle decoration and each have a small rectangular window with a Queen Anne sash. There are two decorative overhangs on the north facade. A small single-story wing with a shed-roof projects from the rear (west) of the house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the southern half of Lot #8 of Block 91, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house appears to have been built ca. 1907 for Lena Abernathy, formerly of 8 Bridge Street. James Patterson, a clerk for Corning Glass Works, acquired the house in 1919.

21. SOURCES:

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Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, NY.

2101 Chestnut

