

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: 106 East Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: James and Joanna Smith ADDRESS: 106 East Fifth Street, Corning, NY
- 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 [x] 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 [] explain:
- 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: See Continuation Sheet
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)

See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE:

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1907

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. INTEGRITY: Major alterations and dates.

This house has been extensively altered. Between 1913 and 1921 a one-story auto garage was added in the southeast corner of the lot. After 1948, the one-story porch on the east was enclosed to create a sunroom. In 1988 an eight-foot extension to the sunroom was added on its east side. In 1990 an 18' x 10' one-story addition was attached to the rear (south) of the house. In 1993 exterior work on the roof was occurring on the south side of the structure.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

Located on the south side of East Fifth Street, facing north, this residence is one in a group of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century homes which are similar in scale. The setback for this residence is similar to that of its neighbor to the west. As this house is on the corner of Fifth and Wall streets, its setback is nearly equal in both directions. However, the setback on the Fifth Street (north) side is terraced and there are two substantial trees near the roadside on the north.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This side-facing gambrel-roofed Colonial Revival-style house has been extensively altered especially on its east and south facades. The gambrel roof, with shed dormers on both the front (north) and rear (south) facades creates a two-and-a-half-story structure. The front (north) facade shows the three-bay composition of the house. An entrance door is located in the center bay. Sheltering the entrance is a porch, with Doric columns supporting a flat roof. The porch railing is enclosed. The shed dormers at the second story level on both the front and rear facades are centered east-to-west and contain three windows each. On the rear (south) facade, there is an additional shed dormer at the third story level. It contains four windows asymmetrically set. All of the second story exterior walls are clad in wood shingles.

The sunroom addition to the east is covered by a hipped roof, as is the addition at the rear. The sunroom has several skylights in the roof. The substantial garage in the southwest corner of the lot has a low-pitched gable roof. The roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. The original foundation is limestone; the additions have concrete foundations.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

106 East Fifth Street was built ca. 1907 for Nathan R. Wickersham on land he purchased from Mark Tucker and Helen A. Hunt. All of this land was originally owned by Adelaide J. Harvey, who purchased the land in the 1850s. Mr. Wickersham also owned the adjacent property to the east, 112 East Fifth Street.

In 1936 the property passed to Rowland deB. Wickersham, son of the original owner. In 1956 James M. Brown purchased the property from the younger Wickersham. The current owners, James A. and Joanna P. Smith purchased the house in 1964. Mr. Smith is the president of Corning Building Company in Corning, NY.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: (Continued)

Also, an easement was granted to the owners of 112 East Fifth Street in 1911 creating a right-of-way that allowed access to 112 East Fifth Street from Wall Street. The right-of-way crosses just to the south of the garage at the southwest corner of the property associated with 106 East Fifth Street.

21. SOURCES:

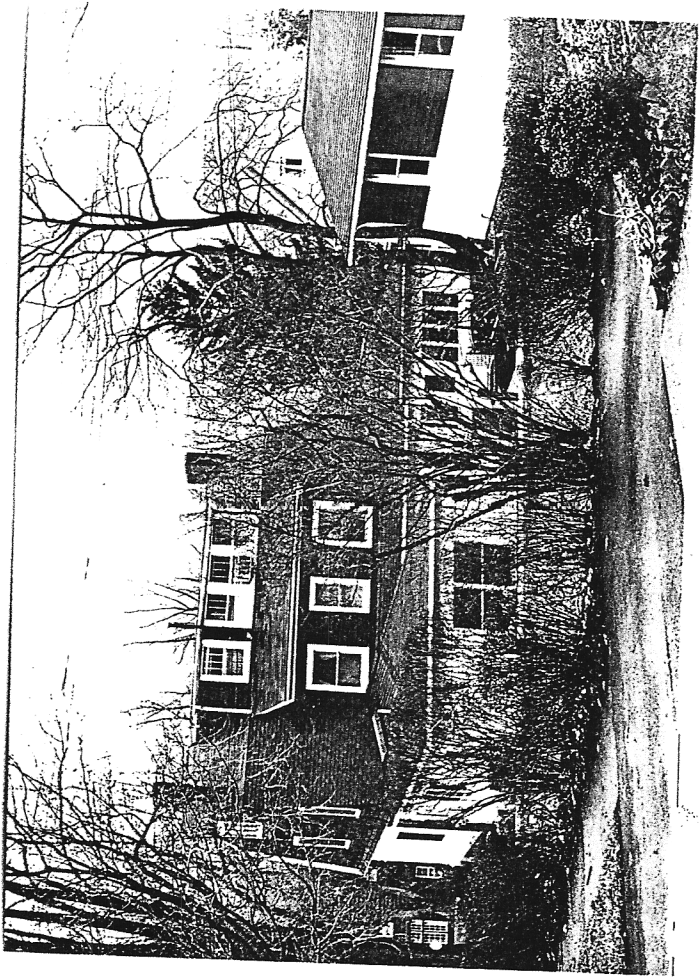
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