

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: 115 East Fifth
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Paul Thomas ADDRESS: 115 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 [] 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. 1890

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

115 East Fifth Street
Corning, New York

11c. INTEGRITY: Major alterations and dates.

115 East fifth Street remains largely unaltered. Between 1908 and 1913 and one-story outbuilding known as 115½ East Fifth Street was constructed adjacent to the alley at the north edge of the property. By 1921, the outbuilding had been converted into an auto garage, which it remains today. Sometime after 1948, the western portion of the front (south) porch was removed. More recently, the rear (north) deck has been rebuilt using pressure treated pine.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

Located on the north side of East Fifth Street, facing south, this residence is one in a group of late nineteenth and early twentieth century homes which are similar in scale. The each maintain similar setbacks, though the east-to-west spacing between the houses is somewhat inconsistent due to property subdivisions and subsequent construction.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This ca. 1890 Queen Anne-style gabled-ell cottage is largely intact. It has a simple cross gable roof form and is clad in wood shingles. The front (south) facade contains an unusual two-tier porch on the east side. Each tier has a gabled roof. The first story porch projects out in front of the house, creating an entry portico. The gabled roof is supported by turned posts at the southeast and southwest corners, and has simple railings extending from the posts to the wall surface of the south facade of the house. The second story porch contains a gabled end that is flush with the western portion of the house. The roof is supported by a turned post under its southeast corner and is attached to the house along its north and west sides. There is an enclosed railing on the second story. The western portion of the front (south) facade is a simple two-bay structure with a gable roof, a single sash being at the center of the gable face.

The west facade contains a two-story projecting gabled bay at center. Again, there is a simple single-paned sash at the center of the gable face. The rear (north) facade has a full width extended bay with a gable roof that is less steeply pitched than those of the south facade. Also, at the first story level there is a pressure treated pine deck with a privacy wall along the eastern edge. A staircase leads down to grade from the deck at its southeastern corner. The deck is nearly the full width of the house. The east facade contains a gable with single-paned sash, centered, but not projecting. The northern portion of this facade contains a rectangular projecting bay with a shed roof on the first story.

The foundation is limestone.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Mary Alice Todd, a relative of Luzerne Todd at 248 Wall Street, purchased Lot #11 of Block 39 from William H. Jessup, trustee for the estate of Joseph Fellows, in 1884. Shortly thereafter, she and her husband, James Keeler, built the house at 115 East Fifth Street on that lot. The house was deeded to

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: (Continued)

Mary A. Keeler, daughter of Mary Alice Todd and James Keeler, in 1947. In 1984, the will of Mary A. Keeler gave the house and property to Evelyn E. Keeler, presumably her daughter. The Keeler family finally sold the house in 1986 to Alex J. Brand and Ann D. Greenberg. The current owners, Paul and Natalie Thomas, acquired the property in 1992.

21. SOURCES:

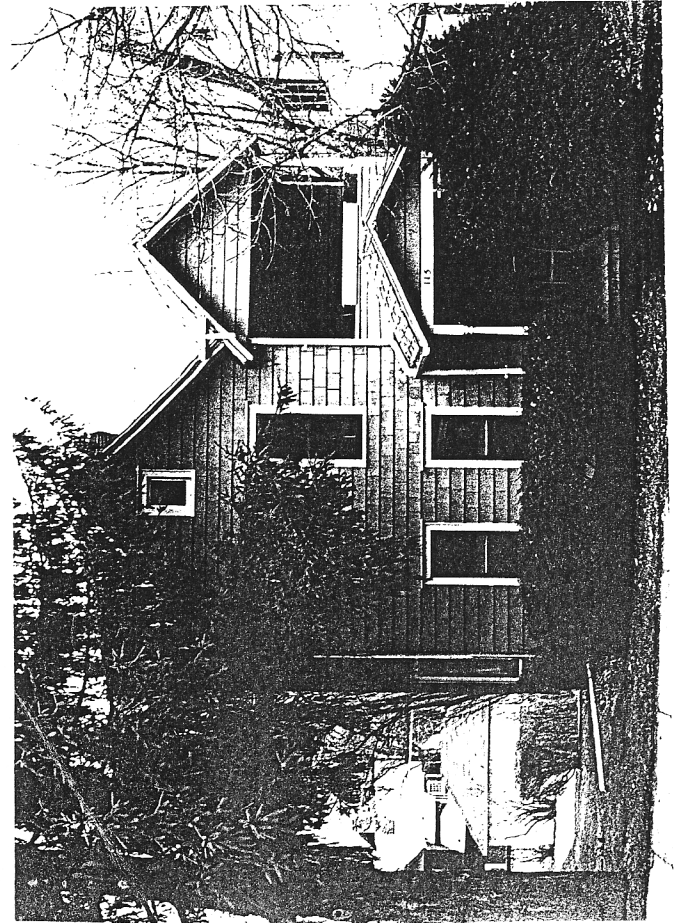
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