

# 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: 117 East Fifth Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Angelo M. Mitchell ADDRESS: 117 East Fifth Street, Corning, NY
6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: multi-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:
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:  
(Including interior features if known)

See Continuation Sheet

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**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:

11c. INTEGRITY: Major alterations and dates.

Between 1908 and 1913, the entry vestibule on the rear (north) porch was removed and the porch was enclosed. By 1930, the portion of the enclosed porch along the west facade had been removed, as had the first floor bay window on that same facade. At the same time, a second story was added to the enclosed porch area on the rear (north) facade. Since 1948 a two-story fire escape has been added on the rear (north) facade.

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 cottage has a hipped roof with crossing gables. The exterior walls of the house are clad in wood shingles and each gable face is clad in staggered and fishscale shingles and has a single-pane sash at center. The front (south) facade has a two-and-a-half-story projecting gabled bay at center. The eastern side of the gable is contiguous with the eastern face of the hipped roof section. To the west of the gabled bay on the south facade is a single-story porch with a hipped roof form supported by battered piers resting atop an enclosed railing. There are two doors leading to the interior of the house from the porch.

The western facade contains a gabled roof with its northern side contiguous with the northern side of the hipped roof. This gable extends the width of the house, from east to west. The rear (north) facade contains a two-story extension with a shed roof. The first story is an open porch with an enclosed railing clad in wood shingles. The second story is similar, but is screened in. There is a metal fire escape leading from both stories to a landing at the northeast corner of the house. Also at the rear (north) are two sets of double doors in the foundation wall near the northeast corner of the house, facing north. The east facade is similar to the west.

The foundation of the house is coursed stone.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Jennie K. Johnson, wife of Albert J. Johnson, purchased Lot #12 of Block 39 from Angeline Harvey in 1891. It was around this time, either just before or just after Ms. Johnson purchased the property, that the house at 117 East Fifth Street was constructed on this lot. The first known occupants of the house were the Johnson's. Following Mr. Johnson's death, Ms. Johnson took in a succession of boarders, including

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: (Continued)

Howard Wheeler and Arthur M. Breed of Guthridge and Breed in Corning. In 1920, the property was sold to W. Howard and Ethel J. Vanderhoof. Since that time there have been seven other owners including the current owner, Angelo M. Mitchell, who purchased the property in 1975.

21. SOURCES:

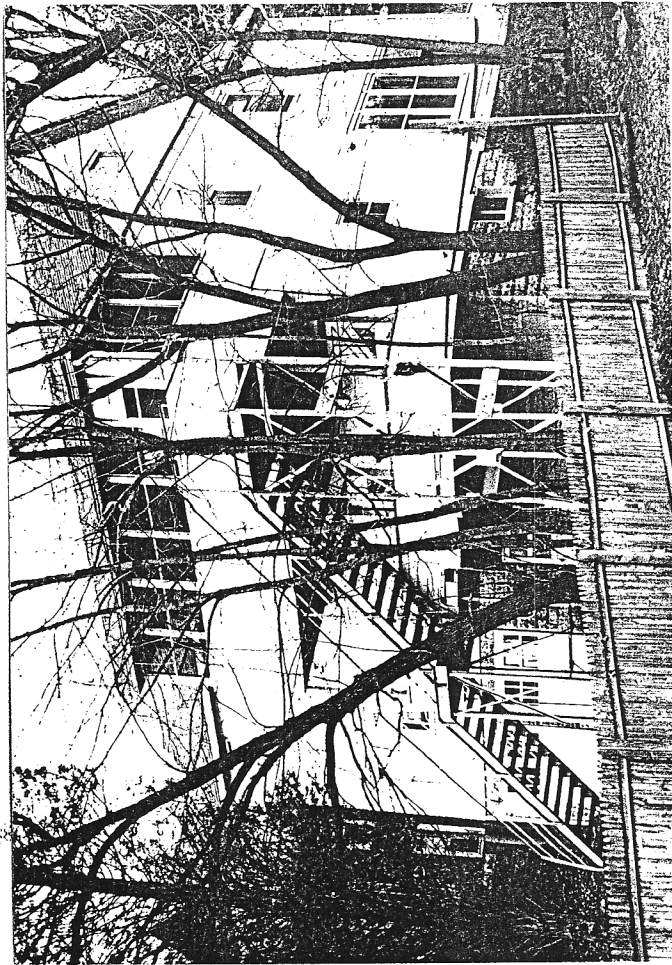
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