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BUILDING -STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation Planning Workshop, Cornell University

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 148 E. Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Peter and Ursula Wranik ADDRESS: 148 E. Fifth Street
Present: single-family dwelling
- 6. USE: Original: single-family dwelling
- 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 [x] 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 []
c. masonry load bearing walls [x]
d. metal []
e. other:
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent [x] b. good [] 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: 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. garden
i. landscape features
j. other:

16. SURROUNDINGS OF BUILDINGS (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:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

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: 1928

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 alterations have been made to the exterior of this house. As shown on the 1930 Sanborn map, this structure is a large two-and-a-half-story dwelling with an attic and a basement. It has a one-story wing to the rear (south) side. It is asymmetrical in plan, stepping back from the west end to the east end.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is located on the west side of Chemung Street and is on the northeast corner of Block S. It is located at the rear (south) of the lot, distant from any surrounding structures. The massing and scale of the house is similar to other homes in the vicinity, most of which are high style. The East Fifth Street (north) setback is much larger than the Chemung (east) setback, but is equal to the East Fifth Street setback of its neighbor to the west.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-and-one-half-story brick structure is built in the Tudor Style of architecture. It has a steeply pitched side gabled roof, the front (north) facade is dominated by two gables, and there is a massive chimney on the west end. The gables are flared at the ends. The windows are tall and narrow in multiple groupings and with multipane glazing. It has the common detail of decorative half-timbering infilled with brick arranged in decorative patterns. On the west side there is an end porch under the main roof of the house; another common feature in Tudor homes. At the rear (south) there is a one-story gable adjacent to a one-story space, glazed on two sides and with a second floor porch on its roof.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

In 1891 A. Gaylord and Mary M. Slocum and John L. and Belle Lewis purchased this property from Hester Skinner, widow of Thomas Skinner who died in 1867. In the 1893 city directory, John L. Lewis is noted as being bookkeeper in the treasury office of the Fall Brook Railroad. This deed states: "...excepting and reserving to the said parties of the first part one rod in width on the east side of same premises for a road and containing exclusive of said road

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: (continuing)

one acre of land be the same more or less...The said party of the second part is also to have the right and privilege of putting in pump logs and drawing water from the spring near said premises for the use of one family." Part of the property was reserved for Effie Lear and Louise H. Johnson who received it in 1898.

In December 1906 Slocum, Lewis, Lear, and Johnson sold the property to Marcia M. Hollister. In 1905 George Buell Hollister was an employee at Corning Glass Works. By 1923 he was vice-president and sales manager at Corning Glass Works. In 1924 William Hanford and Emily Frost Curtiss become the owners of the property. In the 1925 city directory William Hanford Curtiss is said to be assistant to the president of Corning Glass Works (CGW) and living at 234 Wall Street. In 1929 he was assistant to the president of CGW, president of the Corning Chamber of Commerce, and secretary-treasurer of the Corning Fiber Box Corporation; his address then was 148 East Fifth Street. He had this home constructed in 1928.

In the 1924 deed there is a description of the property and its history: "...commencing on the south line of lands formerly owned by the Corning Co. in the center of the road between the lands formerly owned by John C. Hayt and Thomas A. Johnson, it being the northeast corner of a piece of land formally belonging to the said Thomas A. Johnson on a subdivision of the east part of the Gorton tract between John C. Hayt, Horace G. Phelps, and Thomas A. Johnson and the northwest corner of a lot formally belonging to the said John C. Hayt on said subdivision Block S..."

21. SOURCES:

McAlester, Virginia & Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1991.)

Corning City Directories, Boyd's 1872-73, 1874-75; Hanford 1893-1920.

Map of Corning. Buffalo: H. Brewer and C.A. Canfield, 1855.

Map of Corning. Corning: Harry C. Heermans, City Engineer, 1893.

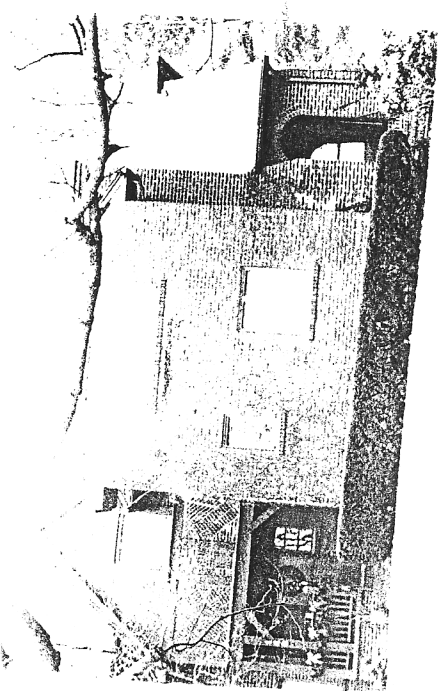
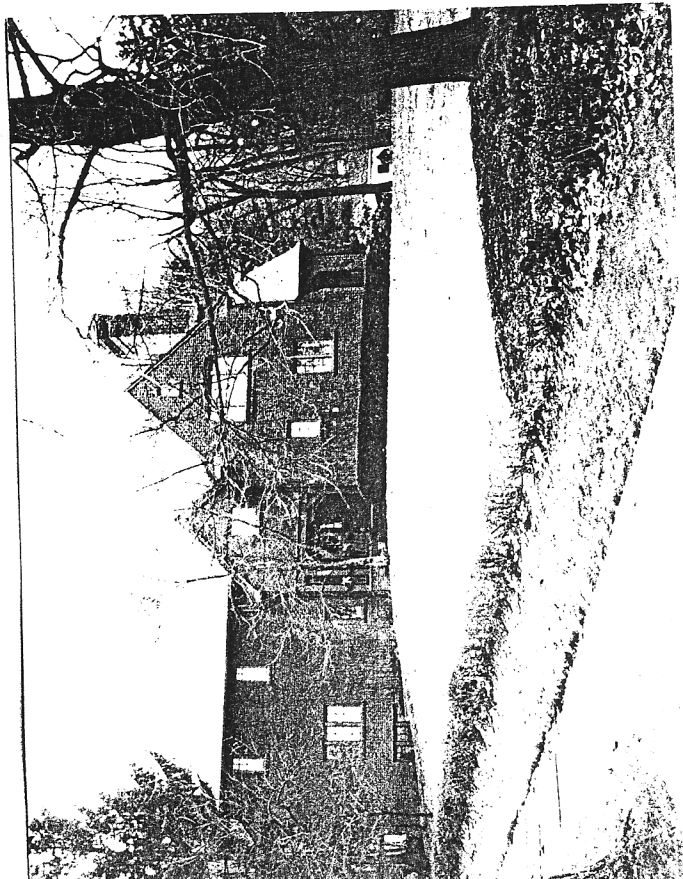
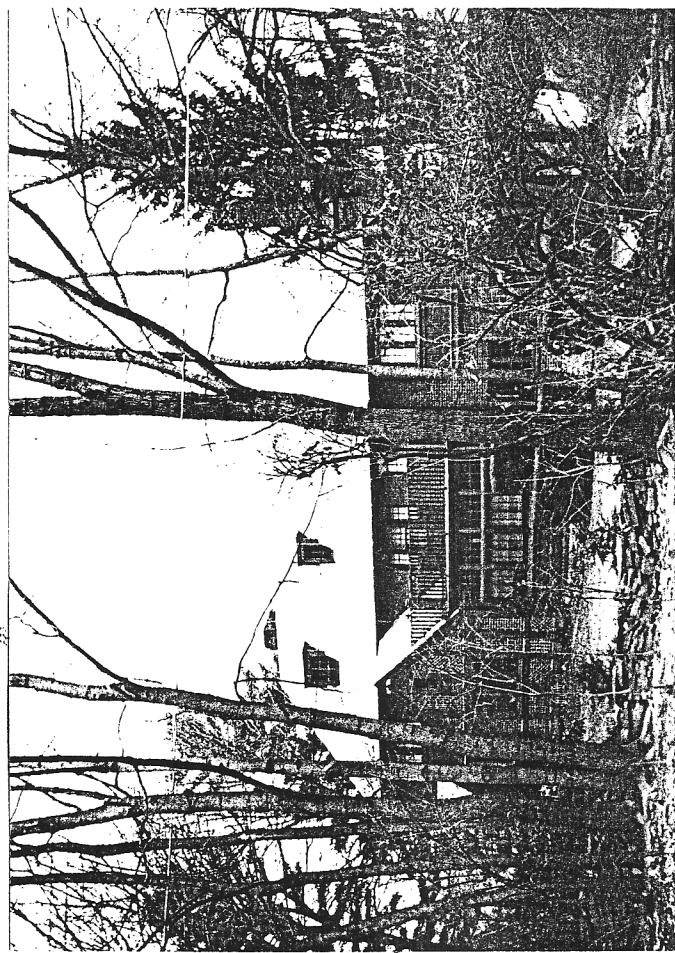
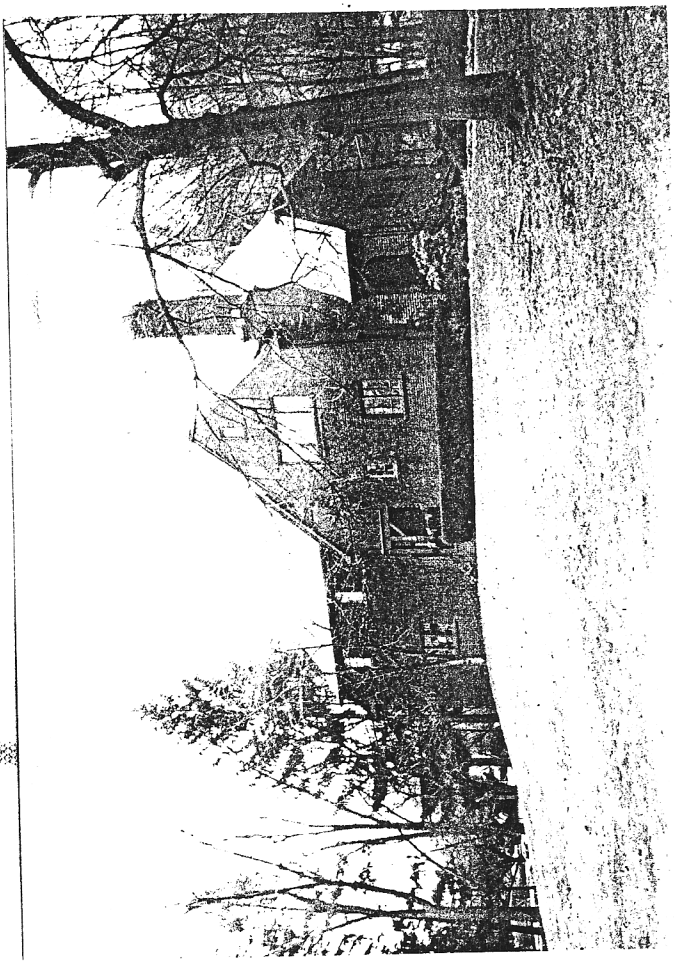
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21. SOURCES: (continued)

Sanborn Map Company. Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, New York, (1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921 and 1930).

Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office,
Bath New York.

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