

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: 15 East Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Douglas M Vanoort ADDRESS: 90 E. Market St.
- 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 [] g. stucco [] other: Vinyl
- 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
- 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:
- 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):

See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1891

ARCHITECT: H. G. Tuthill and Sons

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

In 1903 a one-story enclosed porch was added to the western half of the northern facade of the building. Between 1903 and 1913, the southern front of the house was added to. This resulted in a front-facing, half-story gable above the western two-story bay and a cat-slide roof above the front stoop resulting in a cutaway porch. Permit #9814, issued to Wilson Haines in 1978, allowed him to add a new kitchen and powder room and slightly alter a porch. This may be the new one-story extension to the middle bay of the eastern facade. In 1982, Haines refaced the structure with vinyl siding and trim for \$4,000. Most recently, Permit #14072 was granted to Haines in November 1988 so that he could convert the second floor porch into a living space. A modern, simple, pressure-treated lumber deck now, extends from the western half of the northern facade. It is set on stilts.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This two-and-one-half-story, nineteenth-century home faces south onto East Fifth Street. It is situated on Lot 12 as defined in Brewer and Canfield's 1855 map of Corning. Because of its height, this building gives the illusion of being on a steeper lot than its neighbors, although all the houses share similar size, setback, and east-west spacing. All of the lots slope towards the access alley on the northern side. The two-story- Gothic Revival barn to the rear of the lot is a distinguishing feature of the site. The main house is older than either one of its immediate neighbors. Both of those houses were built in the early half of the twentieth century.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This detached residence has a simple footprint with minor irregularities, including a two-story bay on the western half of the south facade and two enclosed porches (see above). Built in the Queen Anne-style, it features a steeply pitched roof, covered in asphalt shingles. The cross-gables are all distinguished by pentec roof details. The southern bay of the east facade features a hipped dormer on the addition (ca. 1908). All of the windows are six-over-six double hung sash. A ribbon window lights the upper story of the eastern bay of the northern facade. The foundation is faced in random ashlar. The wooden front door features five panels in its upper half and a lower cross-buck. Wood, engaged pilasters surround the opening. The front entrance is located in the eastern bay of the south facade. A flagstone stoop with wrought-iron railings leads to the door. Another entry leads into the newer one-story addition on the eastern side of the building. The house features two different chimneys. A large, exterior, brick chimney is situated on the southern bay of the western facade. An interior, fieldstone chimney is placed in the center of the east-west cross gable. A very old two-story outbuilding is located at the northern end of the lot, next to the rear access alley. Visible on an 1857 map of the area and again in an 1886 print, it is possible that this simplified Gothic Revival barn once served the neighbors to the west. The first story is still used as a garage and opens to the west. The second story is storage space and is accessed by a five panel wooden door on the eastern facade. Simple linear in form, this rectangular building features narrow wood clapboards and asphalt shingles. The front and rear gables, as well as the south and north dormers are punctuated by four-over-four double hung sash in their peaks.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

An item in the April 17, 1891 edition of the Corning Democrat reads, "H.G. Tuthill & Sons, Architects, are busily engaged in making plans and specification for many new buildings. Among those recently finished are the following plans for new houses, some of which are under process of construction:... Thomas Bradley, Fifth Street...". Mr. Bradley, was a contractor and builder, himself, although it is not known if he undertook the construction of his own house. The property remained in the family until 1913 when Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas, sold the house and land for \$4,500. In 1936, John C. and Ida M. F. Hostetter bought the property and moved to it from their former residence at 239 Cedar Street, just around the corner. Mr. Hostetter was an executive at Corning Glass Works and card-playing friend of Jessie Littleton at 31 East Fifth. They must have liked the neighborhood.

21. SOURCES:

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Map of Corning. Bath County Record Office, 1857.

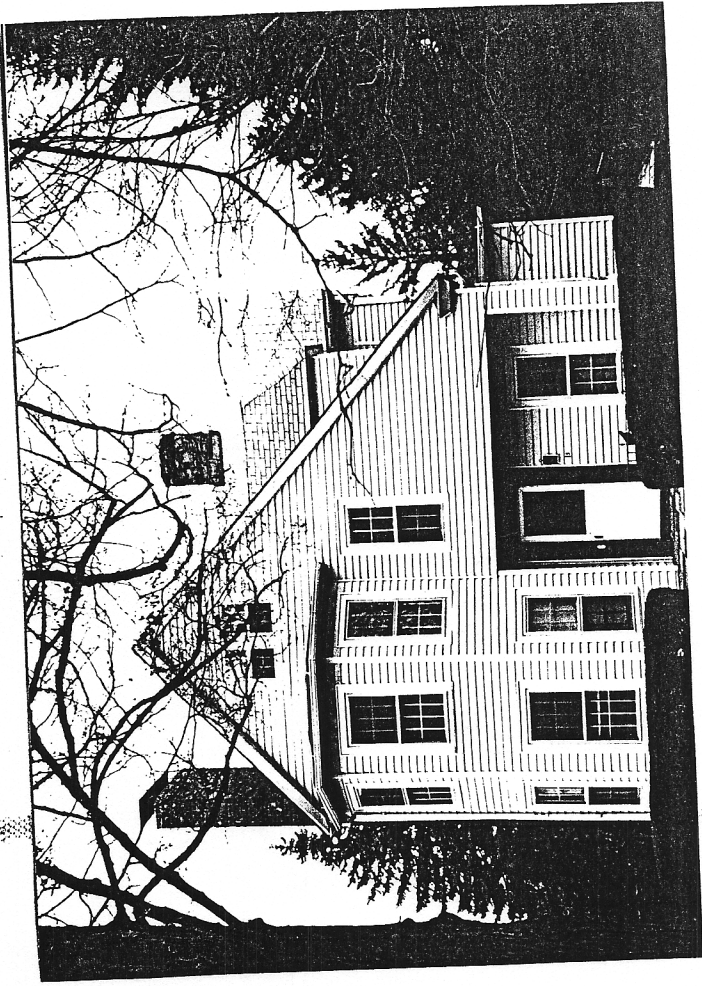
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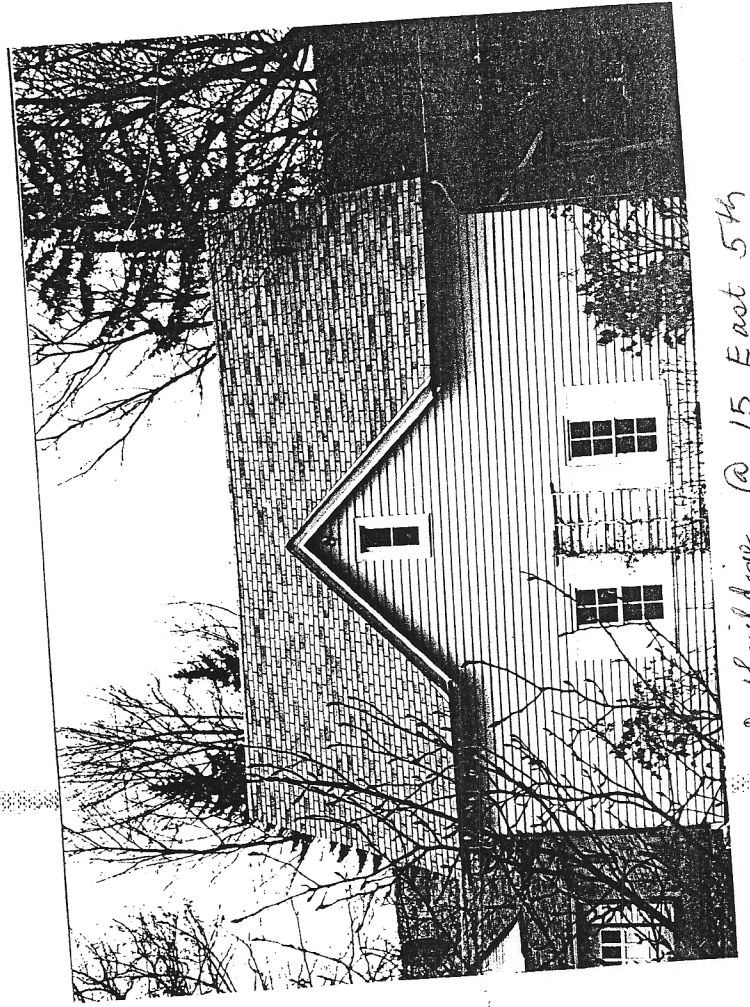
Steuben County Tax Rolls 1850-1909, County Records Office at Steuben County Infirmary, Bath, NY.

Steuben County Tax Rolls 1910-present, County Treasurer's Office, Bath, NY.

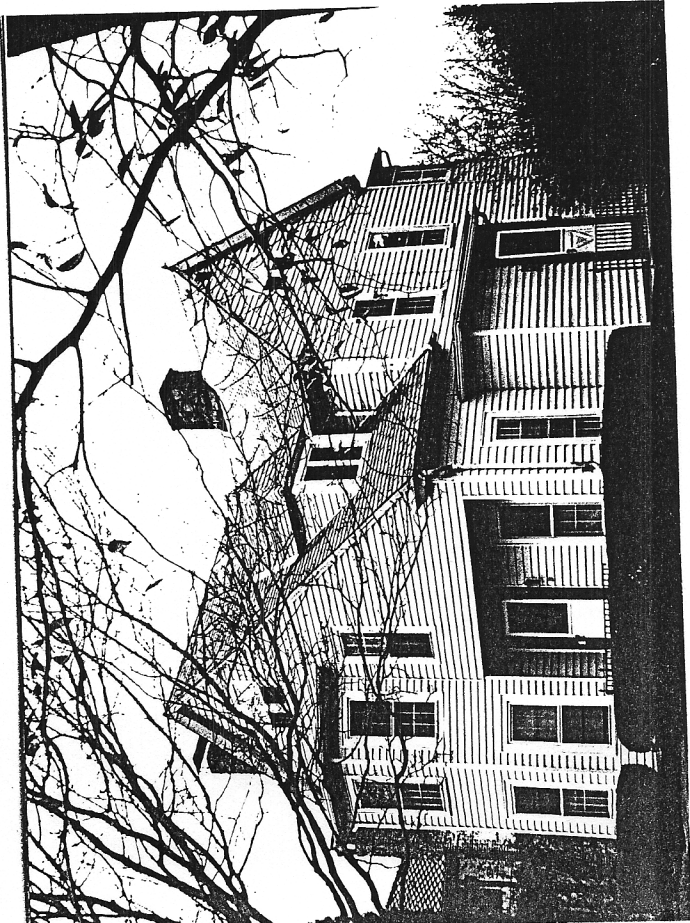
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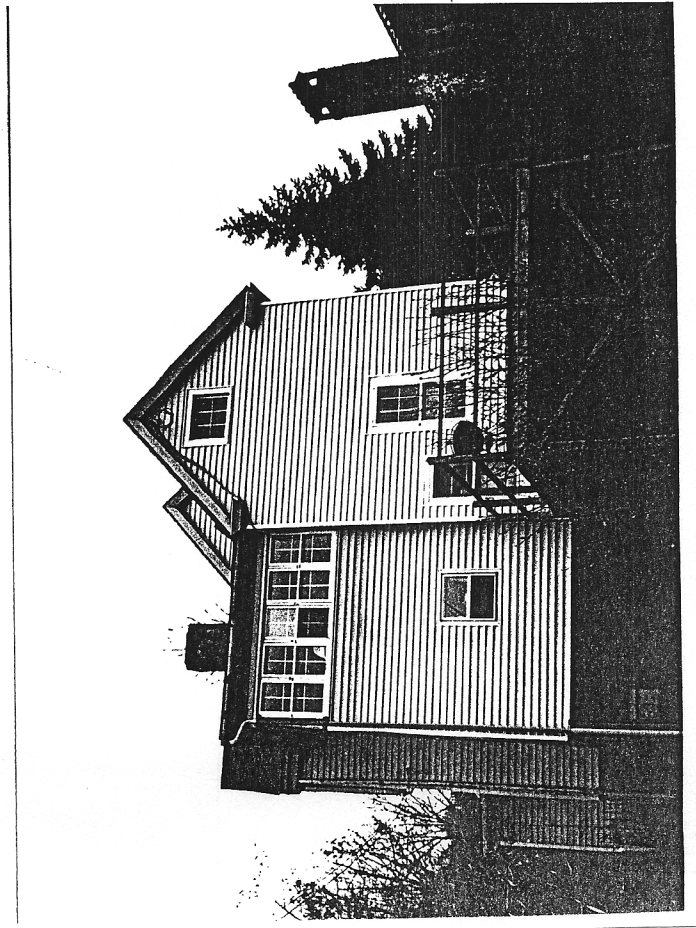
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