

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM  
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UNIQUE SITE NO.  
QUAD  
SERIES  
NEG. NO.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): The Mark Tucker House
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 38 East Fifth Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Katherine Leonard Ward, et al ADDRESS: c/o Chase Lincoln First Bank  
2-8 E. Market Street
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
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[x] b. zoning[ ] c. roads[ ]  
d. developers[ ] e. deterioration[ ]  
f. other:

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: a. barn[ ] b. carriage house[ ] c. garage[x]  
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[x]  
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: Pierce & Bickford

BUILDER: Mr. English

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

Between 1921 and 1930, a flat-roofed one-story enclosed porch was constructed at the west side of the house. It has Craftsman style casement windows at the south, however most of the windows of this porch have been replaced with vinyl casement windows. This enclosed porch is on a concrete block foundation.

At some point, shutters were added to the house, as well as a glass block window at the east facade.

In 1984, repairs to the exterior were completed, as well as the remodeling of the kitchen. It seems that at this time the front porch was modified. It is currently in the Colonial Revival Style, but was probably originally of the Queen Anne Style with turned posts. The balustrade was enclosed with wood shingles.

#### 17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The houses on the south side of East Fifth Street between Pine and Cedar streets have an even setback from the road, but inconsistent east-to-west spacing. The lots of this block are quite large, as are most of the houses. The styles on this block range from Queen Anne Style to Dutch Colonial Revival to Italianate.

#### 18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-and-a-half story front-gabled house was built at approximately the same time as the house of Marvin Olcott's, to its east. Both houses were built by Mr. English and are architect-designed. This house was designed by Pierce & Bickford of Elmira. They were an affluent architectural firm, who also designed Alanson B. Houghton's house.

The house is currently of the Colonial Revival Style, but was originally Queen Anne Style. The two-and-a-half-story bay at the east side of the house has a Queen Anne attic window. Additionally, there are several windows that have a divided top sash above a single bottom sash. There is an eyebrow window at the west facade. The exterior wall material is clapboard at the first story and wood shingles at the second story and a half. There is also a base band of shingles around the house.

In addition to the front porch, there is also a two-story porch at the southeast corner of the rear of the house. The baluster has been enclosed with shingles. There is a decorative sawn frieze at the second story of this porch.

The foundation of the house has been parged, but judging from the style and age of the house, it is probably a stone foundation.

There is a two-car garage at the south, or rear, of the property. It has clapboard siding and six-over-six sash windows. The foundation is concrete block and has been parged.

#### 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the center third of Lot #7 of Block 54 as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house was designed by the notable architectural firm of Pierce & Bickford. The builder was Mr. English. The house was built for Mark Tucker, a commercial traveler.

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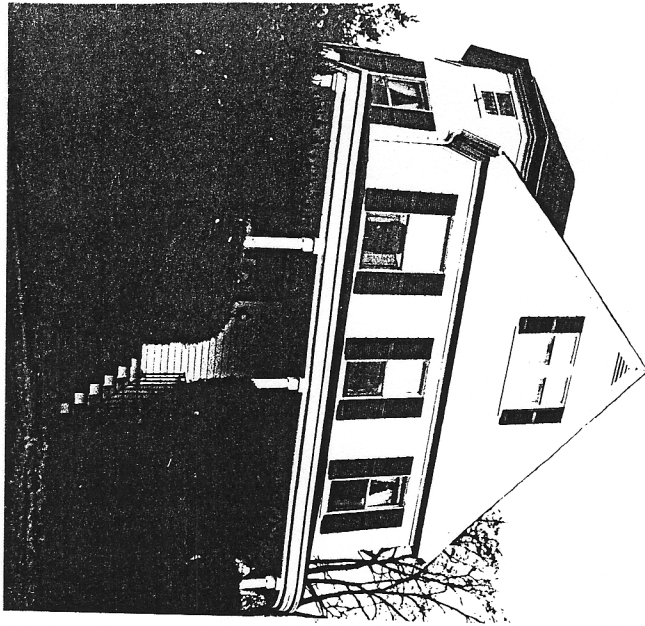
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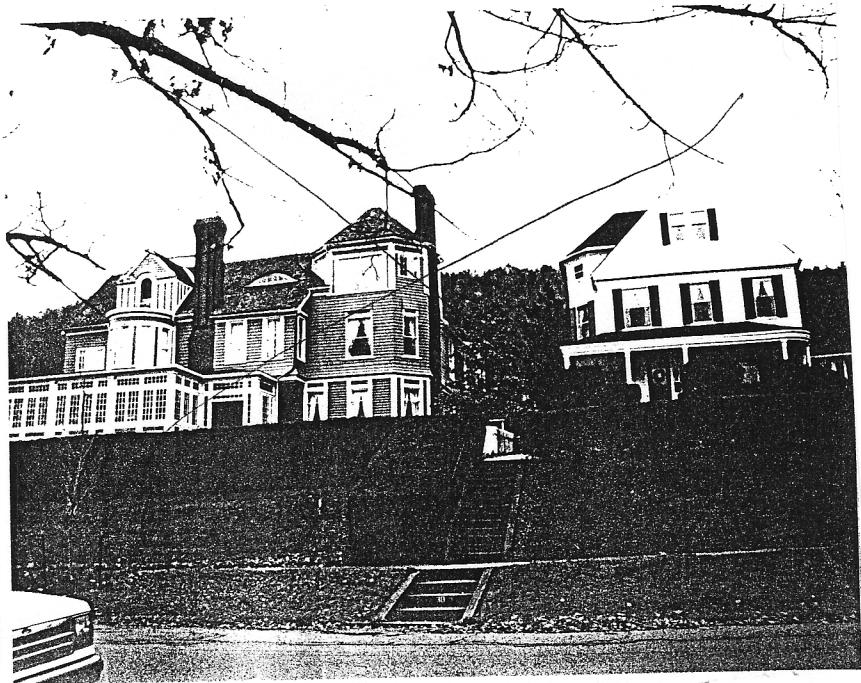
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



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