

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 Gregory House  
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:  
3. STREET LOCATION: 5 East Fifth Street  
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]  
5. PRESENT OWNER: Clark S. and Ann Marie Kinlin ADDRESS: Same  
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 [x] d. board & batten [ ]  
e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [ ] 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 [x]  
e. other It is not clear whether this house has masonry load bearing walls or metal supports. Although masonry load bearing walls are typical in brick structure, the date of the house's construction indicates that a metal support system may have been employed.  
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: ca. 1930

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

No major structural alterations have occurred to this building since its construction. The front porch was repaired and new footers added in 1979. At the same, a 14'x 22' wood-framed, one-car garage was erected on the northern boundary of the site. Vinyl siding was added to this outbuilding and the surrounds of the former garage in the house's basement in 1985 at a cost of \$4,000. Permit #14589 allowed the owners to erect five sections of 6' fencing six feet from the northern boundary of the lot line in 1990.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on Lot 11 and a narrow eastern strip of Lot 10 of Block 55 (Brewer and Canfield's Map of Corning, 1855), the front facade of the building faces south to East Fifth Street. The lot slopes down to the northern access alley that bisects the block. The house is evenly spaced from its western and eastern neighbors. However, these division and the setback from the road are very generous. Although this building is a low two-story structure, with a walk-out basement and garage on the north side, it shares similar overall mass with its neighbors. It is a much newer building, having been constructed ca. 1930. A large one-car garage is situated on the northern third of Lot 11.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This hipped-roof, detached, two-story residence is indicative of the Spanish Eclectic-style. Rectangular in shape, the long facades face south and north. It is constructed of Corning Brick set in a running bond. Distinctive soldier courses define the various stories and window surrounds of the house. The building features decorative terra cotta trim, particularly highlighting the quoins surrounding the front door and elaborating the lintel. Its eighteen-coffered, heavy oak door is typical of this style of architecture. Although the centered front door is rectangular in shape, a side door on the northwest corner is arched. The interior doorways on the ground floor are also arched. There is a large rectangular, wood rear door in the eastern bay of the northern facade. Although the basement garage is no longer used for storing automobiles, the large door still opens onto the northern lawn. The house is set on a brick foundation and features a red, American Spanish tile roof, regularly laid. The four interior brick chimneys feature elaborated, arched tops capped in similar tile. Bands of ribbon casement windows punctuate the northern and western facades. All of the windows are leaded and have small rectangular lights. A narrow, tudoresque, diamond-latticed window is positioned to the east of the front door. Solid wooden shutters ornament the upper story. Some cast-iron light fixtures decorate the doorways at uneven intervals.

A wide, low-hipped wooden garage at the back of the lot is used for storing automobiles. It features three multi-paned windows on the eastern and western facades. A large, double-wide door opens to the north, giving access to the alley. The garage is set on a poured concrete foundation.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

In 1929, Emilie A. Howell, the administratrix of F. Howell sold Lot 11 and the eastern portion of Lot 10 to George E. Gregory for \$3,000. At the time, George E. Gregory and his wife, Charlotte, lived in the house at 19 East Fifth Street. Gregory was the son of Morris Gregory, founder of Corning, Brick, Terra Cotta and Tile Company. He was the Secretary and Treasurer of his father's business. The house is significant architecturally as it is a rare local example of the Spanish Eclectic-style. Featured in the McAlester's book, A Field Guide to American Houses (p.428), the white washed brick and terra cotta trim of the building are an excellent example of the family's business products.

21. SOURCES:

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Map of Corning. Corning: Bird's Eye View, 1882.

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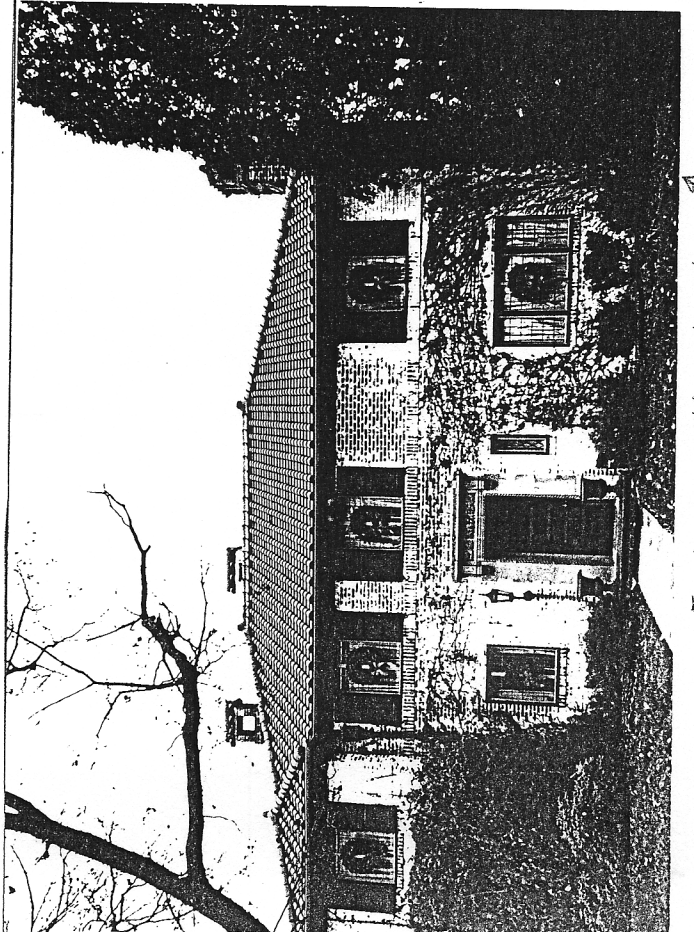
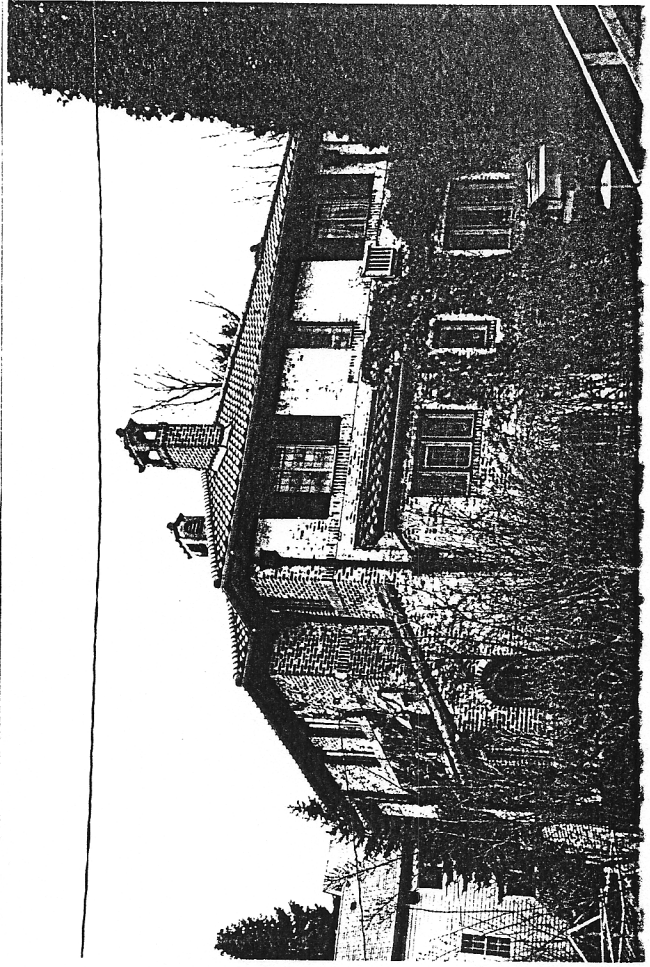
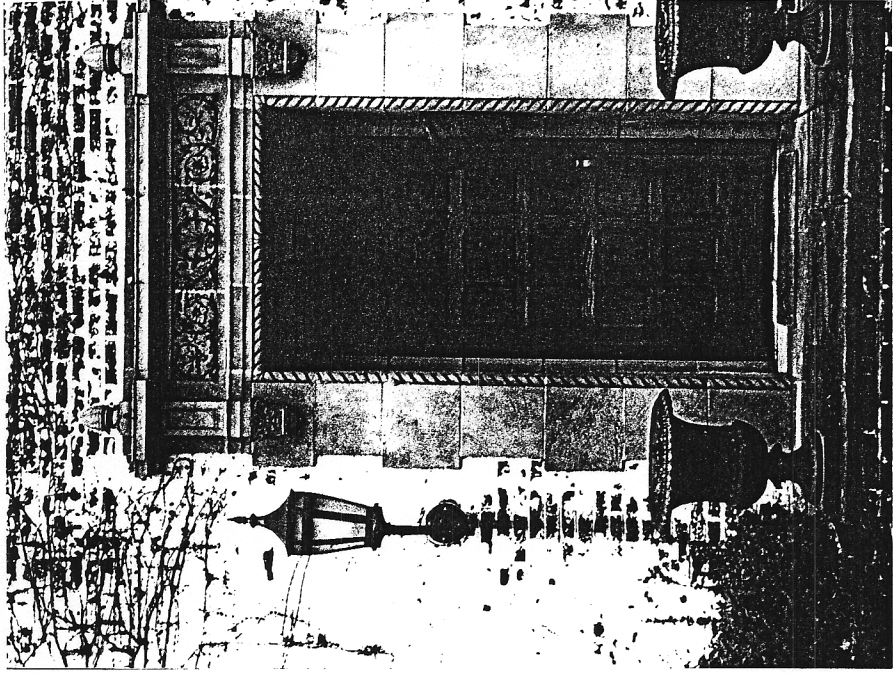
Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, NY.

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

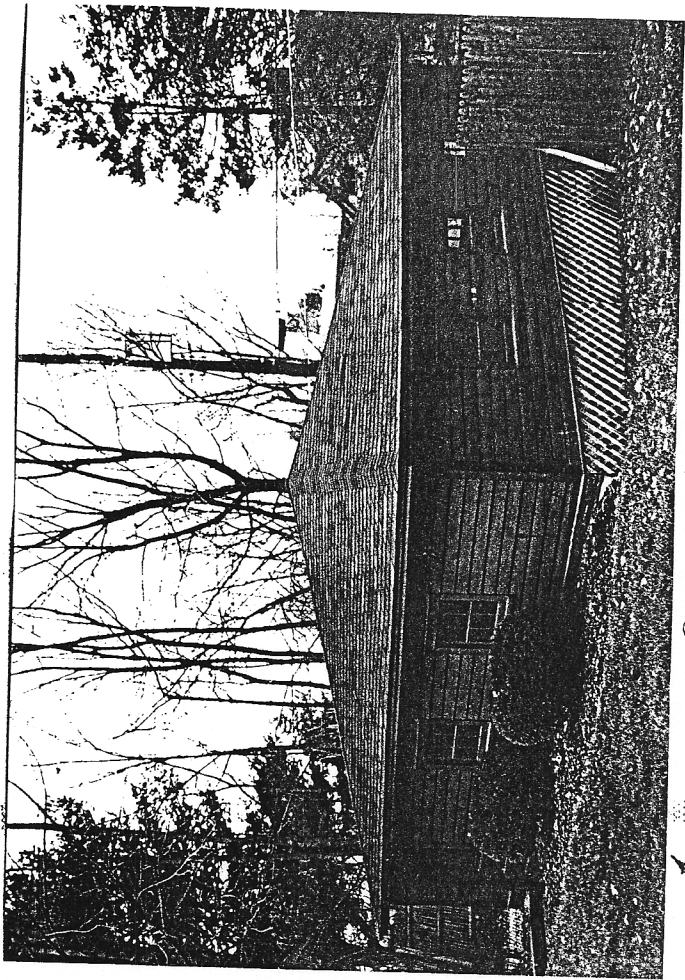
Steuben County Tax Rolls 1910-present, County Treasurer's Office, Bath, NY.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

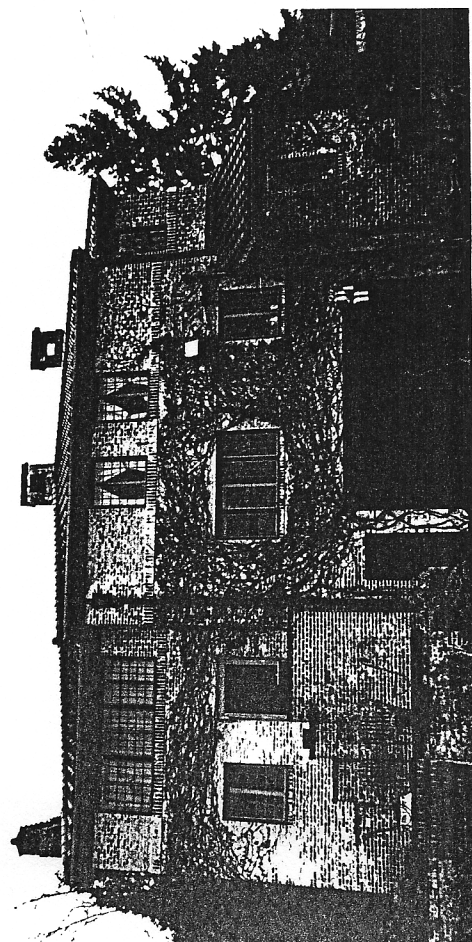
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5 East 57th



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Garage @ 5 East 5th Street



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