

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: 81 East Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Ellen Smith ADDRESS: 81 East Fifth 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[] b. stone[] c. brick[] d. board & batten[]
e. cobblestone[] f. shingles[] g. stucco[] other:vinyl siding
- 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[] 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:
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. 1952

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

Though there are no major alterations to this house it is possible that the siding and windows have been replaced.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house is situated on the north side of Fifth Street located between Cedar and Wall Streets. It is one of the newest homes on the block and this is obvious due to the nature of its construction. Its setback varies slightly from other houses on the block. In addition its east-to-west spacing is even between neighboring buildings.

18. OTHER NOTEABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This house shows elements a Colonial Revival Style in massing and details. However, it is more closely related to eclectic style adaptations popular in the 1950's. It is very possible the house is from a kit or building company although there is no documentation of this. What is initially most apparent is the use of vinyl on almost the entire exterior of the structure including siding, shutters, cornice moulding, and attic vent. The windows are aluminum. The roof is comprised of fiberglass shingles. The foundation is concrete.

The house is a two-story side-gabled structure and is symmetrical with exception of a smaller one-story side-gabled bay on the west side of the house. One feature that stands out is a second-story projecting pedimented bay centered on the front (south) facade of the house. The bay forms a front gable and protrudes about two feet from the facade of the building. The windows at the second story level are one-over-one double hung sashes. There are four of them and they are configured symmetrically. The front first story level contains two, three sash windows. Each window is located at a distance from the front door. The front door has six panels and is bordered by a wide casing and three sidelights set over recessed panels.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on lot #15 of block 52, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The lot remained vacant until the 1950s. It is likely that John Sullivan, proprietor of Sullivan's Liquor Store had the house constructed. Sullivan purchased the land in January of 1952. He and his wife Virginia were listed as residents of 81 East Fifth in 1953. It should be noted that the construction of this house represents one of the last waves of development of Corning's Southside neighborhood. In addition this site was also once owned by the C.C.B. Walker Estate. Walker was associated with Walker and Lathrop, a hardware and lumber dealer in Corning during the late nineteenth century.

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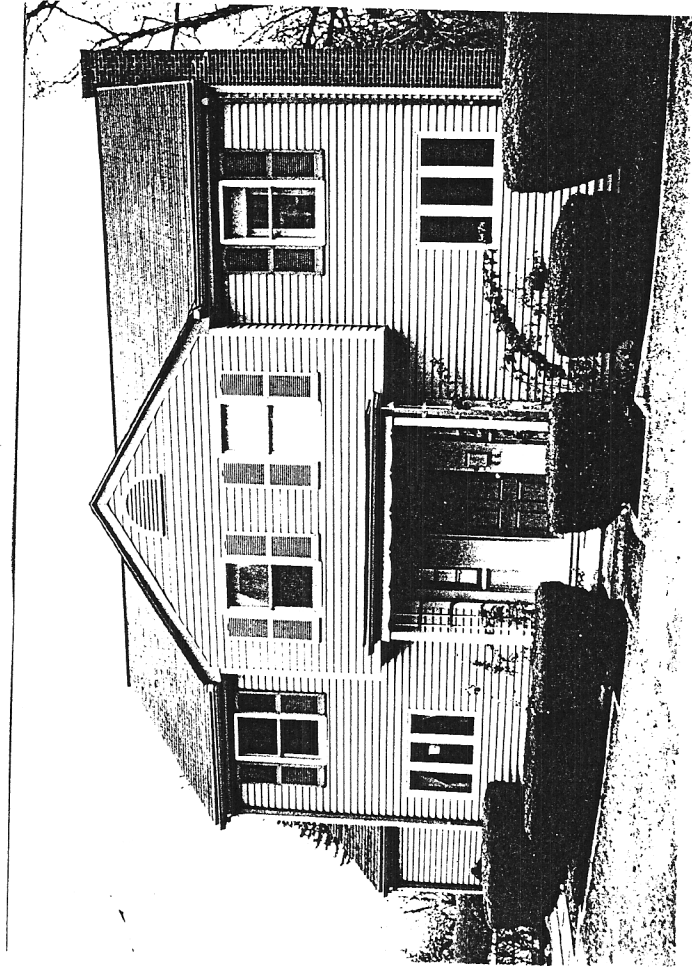
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

West Facade

East Facade



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