

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: *109 West Fifth Street*

4. OWNERSHIP: a: public [] b: private [X]

5. PRESENT OWNER: *Margaret Blackman*

ADDRESS: *109 West 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: Asbestos

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 [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 []
d. privy [] e. shed [X] 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 [X]
h. other:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING 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. 1893

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

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:

The house has not been altered significantly since it was built ca. 1893, except for the west facade. Originally, it had a two-story bay which was changed to a rectangular wall with a gable end ca. 1908. A shed was added at the rear end of the yard ca. 1913. A wraparound porch is shown in the Sanborn maps which were reviewed, but at present, it does not exist anymore. There is only a recessed porch into the reentrant angle on the east side of the house. A side entrance is accessible via this porch. A gabled hood covers the entry stoop on the south facade where the main entrance is located. Improvements were made to the north facade in 1941.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is located on the north side of West Fifth Street. The residence is one of a row of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century homes. Its scale and setback are inconsistent with that of its neighbors as is its east-to-west spacing.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

An example of the vernacular Queen Anne Style, this residence can also be defined as a "gabled-ell cottage" according to Herbert Gottfried & Jan Jennings in their book American Vernacular Design. Gabled-ell cottages are notable for their intersecting gables, sometimes with one clipped gable which receives applications of shingles or stickwork ornament.

The central gabled section of this residence projects out toward Fifth Street. A porch is attached at the southeast corner of the house. It has a closed railing and turned posts. The main entrance faces south. The fenestration is symmetrical in all facades excepting on the north. The windows are primarily one-over-one double-hung sash. The front gable has a one-story bay with symmetrically-placed windows. A rectangular window is centered in each clipped gable end.

The house is sided in asbestos. The roof is done in asphalt shingles. The foundation is constructed of stone.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is located on lot 15, block 90 as shown on the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. According to Auwaerter, the development of this section of the Southside neighborhood of Corning, occurred slowly, and "as late as 1911, there was much open land along Fifth Street and above." There were many Irish people living on this area of the Southside neighborhood to the point of being called "Irish Hill". In 1889, Frank Scheb who was a glass cutter got a trust fund from Joseph Fellows Trustee to build the house. His name appears under this address in the New York, Corning and Painted Post Directory, up until 1916. Several people lived in the house before Harold Blackman bought it in 1945. The names of those former residents are: John J. Nolan (1939), Edmund Schosger (1944), George Miller (1947), Edmund Griffiths (1950). During 1952 and 1953, the house remained vacant, probably due to repair activities. The Blackman family have lived in the house since 1954 to present .

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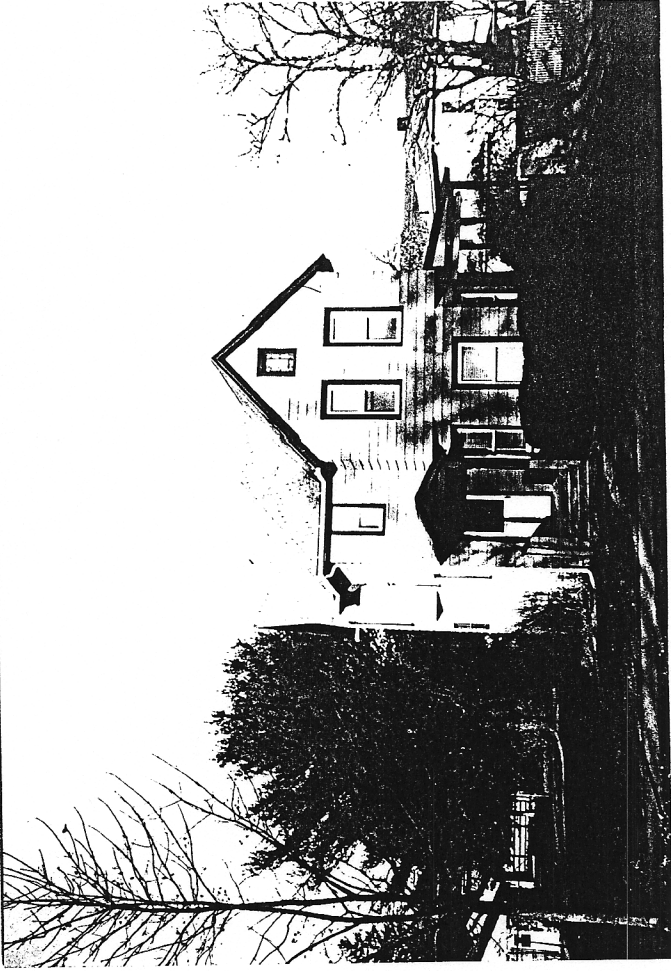
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

North Facade



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