

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 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Edwin L. Beck ADDRESS: 1110 Constitution Ave., NE,
Washington, DC 20002
- 6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: two-unit rental 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: wood
- 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: 1903

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

In 1903, a small covered entry porch was added to the easternmost bay of the northern facade. Between 1903 and 1913, the one-and-one-half story porch on the eastern side of the building was extended to two stories and enclosed. In 1988, Marion Frankfather was issued Permit #14102 to undertake an Urban Renewal project. It is likely that this \$33,150.00 venture remodeled the interior and subdivided the house into two units.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This building is situated on the southern portion of Lot 14, Block 55 (Brewer and Canfield Map of Corning, 1855. Its front faces south to West Fifth Street. The lot slopes gradually down to the access alley on the northern edge of the site. To the east is a vacant lot before a large Italian Renaissance-style home on the corner. To the west is a series of working class houses. Although all these homes share a regular setback, they are not a regular size. The house at 25 West Fifth Street is a good median in size and style. It is not as old as its late nineteenth-century neighbors.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story, front-gabled residence is set on a fieldstone foundation and faces south. It is faced in narrow wood clapboard. Its moderately pitched roof is covered in asphalt shingles. This open-gable cottage is three bays wide. It features many different window types and decorative details. On the first story, the two eastern windows are large-paned one-over-one double hung sash. The wooden, five-paneled main entrance door is situated in the western bay and features sidelights. A one-story wrap-around porch covers the southern and western sides. It features a hipped roof, plain posts, scrolled brackets, and flat cut-out paneling at the western enclosure. Wood lattice covers the substructure. This same wood latticework encloses the lower half of the rear porch on the eastern corner. Above the second story windows, there is a row of wood dentils. This motif is repeated on the rear gable. The second story windows are slightly shorter than their first story counterparts. All of the sashes have been replaced with vinyl elements.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Although the house was built in 1903 by Anne and Thomas Cauley, the first person to live here was Frank E. Waite. He was a bookkeeper for Quincy Wellington and it is likely that he rented this house. Appropriately, Wellington bought the property in 1917 for \$2,500. Since he lived diagonally across the alley, Wellington was able to keep a close eye on his new tenants. The current owner is Edwin Beck of Washington, DC.. He rents the property out to two tenants. The home is adapted for two separate living units.

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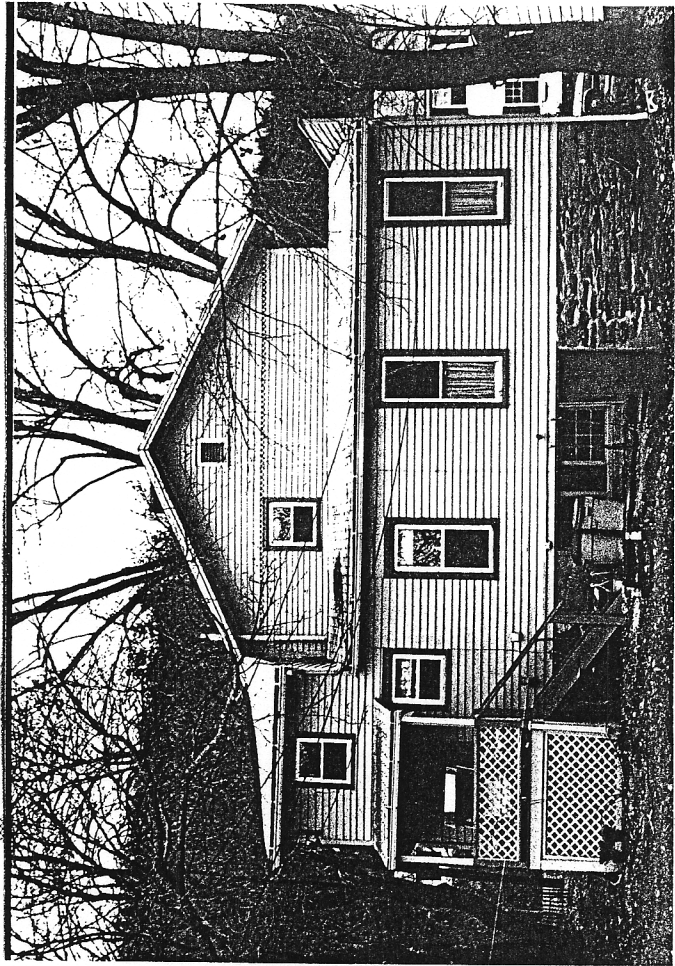
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



15 West 5th

