

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 Mary Leavy House
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 22 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Ellen M. Riley and Barry Perryman ADDRESS: 22 W. 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[x] b. stone [] c. brick [] 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[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: 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
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. 1926

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

In 1988, a 12' x 28' two-story, gable-roofed addition was added to the rear of the house. The addition is set on a concrete block foundation, has vinyl siding, and six-over-one-light windows.

In 1993, the existing one-car garage was demolished and a new three-car, vinyl-sided garage was added at the southern edge of the property. The poured concrete foundation for the original garage still exists near the center of the property.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The houses on the south side of West Fifth Street between Pine and Walnut streets have an even setback from the road, although they are inconsistent in their east-to-west spacing. The houses of this block are typically of the Queen Anne Style, with a few exceptions, including this residence. This house is the newest house on this side of the block and its lot is twice the width of the properties to its west. The east side of this lot is wooded and the rear of the lot was surrounded by a hurricane fence in 1988.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story house is designed in the Colonial Revival Style of architecture. The house is side-gabled with a three-bay front. On the east and west facades, the eaves return. The windows are six-over-one light sash and the inoperable shutters on the front windows may be original. The exterior wall material is clapboard siding. The main entrance, which is in the westernmost bay of the north facade, is accessed via a one-story pedimented portico supported by Doric columns. On the east facade there is an original one-story enclosed entry porch with a hipped roof. The porch is covered at its base with clapboard and has casement windows on all sides.

The house is set on a partially raised basement. The foundation has been parged, but judging from the style and date of the building, it is probably cast stone or concrete block.

There is a new three-car, vinyl-sided garage added at the southern edge of the property. It has a concrete block foundation.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the northern third of Lot #5 of Block 70, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. This parcel was originally part of the Mallory Estate, and after changing hands numerous times in the 1920s, the property was purchased on January 9, 1928, by Robert J. Leavy, who soon after constructed a house. Robert J. Leavy was a cost accountant for Steuben Glass Works. He lived in this house with his mother, Mary Leavy, who was the widow of James Leavy, a painter.

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



22 West 5th