

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: 25 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Joseph D. and Joan M. Faratella 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 [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:



11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

In 1903, a partial porch was added to the easternmost bay of the southern facade. Between 1903 and 1913 the one-story extension on the western two-thirds of the northern facade was enlarged to two stories. After 1948, a full-width, hipped-roof, enclosed porch was added to the front (south) facade. In 1989, J. Feratella was granted permission to erect a 4' fence 1" off line. In 1987, Feratella was issued Permit #13606. This allowed him to renovate per urban renewal at a cost of \$11,362.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house is set on the Eastern half of Lot 12, Block 69 as laid out in the Brewer and Canfield Map of Corning, 1855. Its front faces south on West Fifth Street. The lot declines gently towards the north. The northern boundary of the property is the access alley which bisects the block. The house shares regular, size, setback, and east-west spacing with the neighboring structures. It is nearly identical in form to the house on its west.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story, detached residence is an excellent example of the Italianate-style of housing popular in the latter half of the nineteenth-century. It is square in plan and features a one-story porch on the main (south) facade and a small, covered entry porch at its northeastern corner on the northern facade. The building in three bays wide and features regularly spaced one-over-one double-hung sash windows. Although most of the house is covered in narrow wood clapboard, the bottom-half of the battered piers which support the front porch are decorated with wooden shingles. The hipped-roof is covered in asphalt shingle. The main entrance is located in the eastern bay of the southern facade. The door features three horizontal lights in its upper-half and one square wood panel below. There is an interior brick chimney centered on the building's rear facade.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is an excellent example of working-class housing. Catherine Green bought the entire Lot 12 and its two houses from W.H. Jessup in 1889. She then rented out both properties. Her son bought the houses from her in 1917. He subdivided the lot in 1920, selling the western half and keeping this property. He sold the property to Harry and Mary Woodhouse in 1929. In turn, Corning Glass Works bought the site in 1937 and used it for worker housing until 1961. At that point, the house and lot were bought by the Langendorfer family.

21. SOURCES:

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Sanborn Map Company. Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, New York, (1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, and 1930).

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:

25 West 5th

