

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 James Gilmore House
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 26 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Russell D. and J.W. Cranston ADDRESS: 26 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[x] b. stone [] c. brick [] d. board & batten []
e. cobblestone [] f. shingles[x] 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):

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1891; possibly 1872 (see #18)

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 main structure of the house has remained relatively unchanged. In 1984, several additions and alterations were completed. A shed roofed enclosed porch was added at the south, or rear, of the property. It has vinyl slider windows. The western side of this addition is an open porch. Also, in 1984, the front porch was enclosed. This shed roofed enclosure has one-over-one sash windows and two glassed entry doors. The original entry doors can be seen within this "airlock" addition.

There is another addition at the east side of the house. It, too, has a shed roof. There is a exterior stucco chimney on this addition. Other alterations to the house include the addition of 8" height aluminum siding. There are shutters on the windows, also a later addition.

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, but have an inconsistent east-to-west spacing. The houses of this block are typically of the Queen Anne Style, with a few exceptions.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This house, and the house directly to its west, were constructed on the same lot and were built some twenty years apart. Because of this shared lot, it is difficult to say which of the homes was built first. Because of the Italianate Style characteristics of the house to the west, it can be assumed that the adjacent house was built prior to this Queen Anne Style home.

This cross gable Queen Anne Style house has wide two-over-two sash windows. There are also cut-away corners at the front gable at the north of the house. There are small square windows in the gables of the house. There is a multi-colored Queen Anne window at the east gable of the house and one of the removed Queen Anne windows was re-installed at a diagonal at the west side of the house. There may have been decorative shingles in the gables, but the aluminum siding covers them now.

This house is set on a coursed stone foundation. The stones vary in size and finish. There is a bulkhead leading into the basement at the east of the property.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed in the northeastern half of Lot #4 of Block 70, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. This property was originally owned by Cyrus D. Sill. In 1891, this house was constructed by James and Mary Gilmore. James Gilmore was a moulder.

It seems that Gilmore moved into this house soon after it was constructed. Prior to that he lived in the house directly to the west. It seems that after he moved into this house, he still owned the house to the west and used it as a rental property.

21. SOURCES:

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Corning City Directories. Boyd's 1872-73, 1874-75; Hanford 19-893-1920.

Map of Corning. Buffalo: H. Brewer and C.A. Canfield, 1855.

Map of Corning. Corning: 100 Years of Corning Building Company. Birds Eye map, 1882.

Map of Corning. Corning: Harry C. Heermans, City Engineer, 1893.

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 Infirmiry, Bath, NY.

-1871, Cyrus Sill, lot #4, vacant, value \$60

-1872, James Gilmore, lot #4, house and lot

-1890, James Gilmore, lot #4, house and lot, value \$500

-1891, James Gilmore, lot #4, house and lot, value \$1300

-1892, James Gilmore, lot #4, 2 house and lot, value \$1500

Steuben County Tax Rolls 1910-present, County Treasurer's Office, Bath, NY.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



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