

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: 30 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Martin Poole & Adrienne Wilson Poole ADDRESS: 30 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[ ] b. good[x] 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: 1872; possibly 1891 (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 original form of this house has remained relatively unchanged. At the east, a flat roof addition is supported by concrete piers. Currently, the home is undergoing extensive renovation. Most of the original windows have been replaced with new vinyl windows. The windows in the Italianate Style bay at the west side of the house are one-over-one sash windows. Additionally, a sliding glass door was added at the rear first story, and a large picture window has been added in the front gable at the north of the house.

Between 1921 and 1930, a garage was constructed. It has clapboard siding and is on a poured concrete foundation. Recently, new clerestory windows and skylights have been added to this garage. Additionally, a new carport is being added to the east side of the garage.

#### 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 east, were constructed on the same lot 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 bay window at the west side of the house and the Italianate chamfered support posts at the front porch, it can be assumed that this house was built prior to the Queen Anne Style house to the east.

While many of the original detailing has been modified, there is a Italianate Style bay window at the west side of the house. It has a flat roof and is half-octagonal in shape. Additionally, the original front porch has chamfered support posts with simple squared capitals. The baluster is turned posts and there is lattice under the porch.

#### 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed in the northern 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 1872, this house was constructed by James and Mary Gilmore. James Gilmore was a moulder.

It seems that Gilmore lived in this house until he constructed the house directly to the east in 1891. At this time, it seems that he may have moved into the new house and used this house as a rental property.

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#### 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

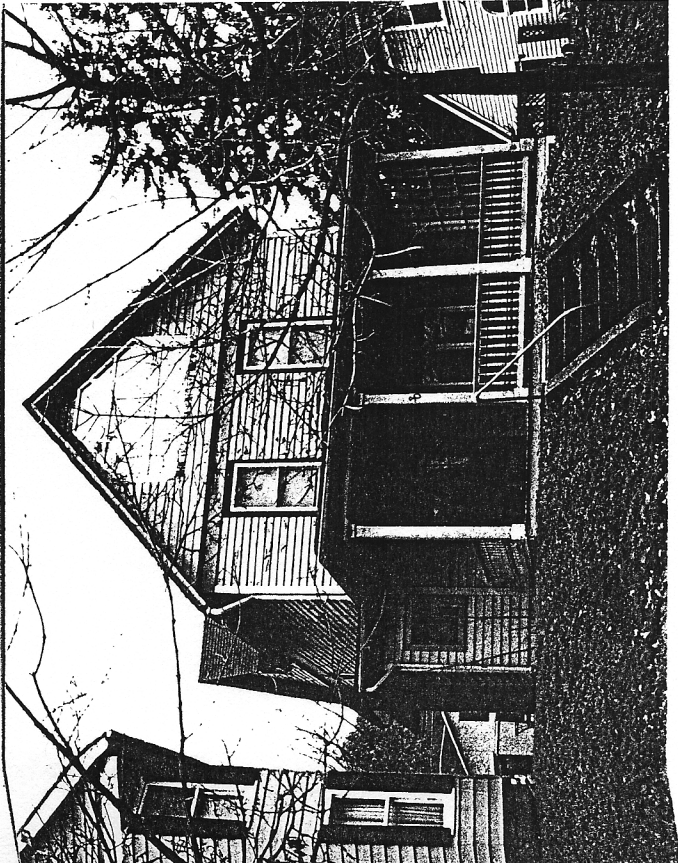
-1890, James Gilmore, lot #4, house and lot, value \$500

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

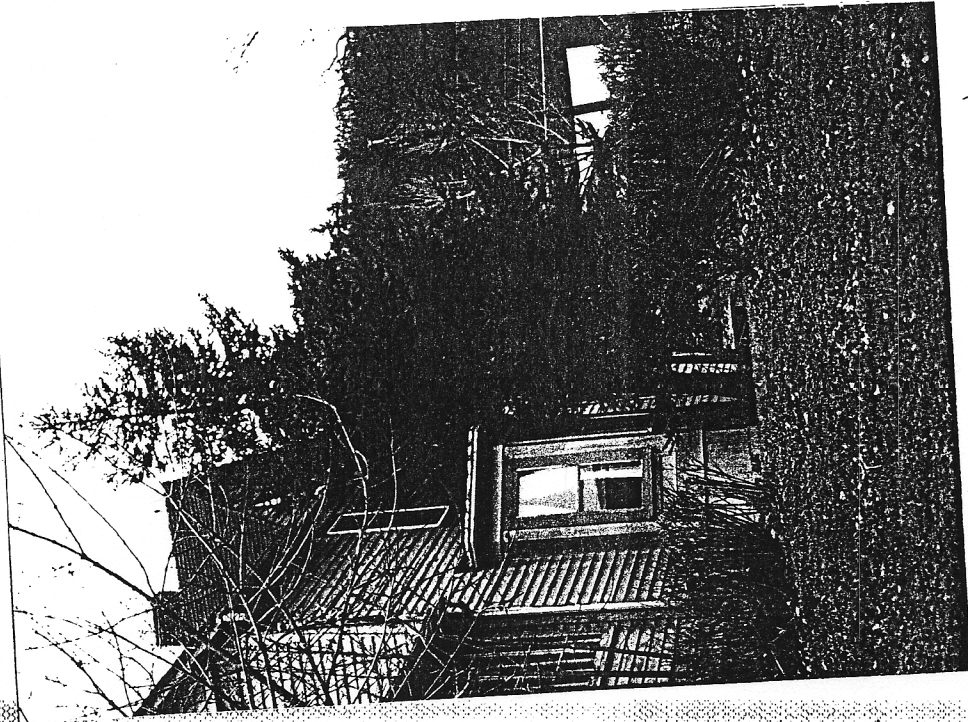
-1892, James Gilmore, lot #4, 2 house and lot, value \$1500

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

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



30 West 5th



30 West 5th (detail)

