

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: 33 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Robert A. and M.L. Chambers ADDRESS: 33 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: ca. 1926

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 (if known).

No major alterations have been made to the exterior form of this house. The roofing material which is light colored asphalt shingles appears recent. A one-car garage was added some time after 1948 to the northeast corner of the lot. It did not appear on the last Sanborn Insurance Company map which was a 1948 revision of the 1930 map.

15i. Landscape Features

The primary landscape feature to note is the steep downward slope of the lawn on the rear (north) side. Trees and shrubs in the rear yard serve to mark the property lines and to provide privacy.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of West Fifth Street, this residence is the only example of a bungalow cottage on this end of the block which has other residences in a range of styles. This house was built later than the houses it faces on the south side of the street, and it is younger than the houses on either side of it. The scale of this house is similar to that of its immediate neighbors #29 and #39, but these three are among the smallest on the block. The spacing east to west is consistent in this example, and it is set back from the street a little deeper than its neighbors. It is at the nearly the same grade as the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This one and a half story home was designed as a Bungalow Cottage. This style, also called "bungaloid" is discussed in Gottfried and Jennings' American Vernacular Design on page 222. It combines characteristics of both the cottage and the bungalow including a gabled roof parallel to the street with a full shed dormer and a low roof line which extends over the porch. The cottage features include a change of cladding material especially to shingles as in this case.

The first story is sided with clapboards, and the second story changes material to wooden shingles. These shingles also cover the closed rail of the porch and the pedestals of the battered piers. The gabled roof is covered with light-colored asphalt shingles. The fenestration on the front (south) includes two pairs of one-over-one aluminum windows in the shed dormer. On the first story is a large picture window to the left of the craftsman door. The east facade has asymmetrical fenestration including double-hung on the second story, casement windows on the first story, and two basement level windows. The side door on this side has a gabled hood with asphalt shingles. At the northeast corner of the house is a cutaway porch with one battered pier at the corner. A rear door is located at the inside corner of this porch. A flush rectangular picture window is on the rear (north) of the house. The west side has the largest number of windows. The second story has two one-over-one double hung windows, the first story has a small casement window, a large three

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part casement window and a large six-pane picture window. Also the west side of the porch is glassed in with a multi-pane light

The house is set on a partially-raised basement. The foundation is poured concrete with inscribed lines to resemble coursed blocks. The interior chimney is red brick and is located at the center of the house. A one-car garage is located at the northeast corner of the lot. It has a concrete foundation, side door on the west, windows on three sides, an aluminum sliding door, and asphalt shingles on a pyramidally hipped roof.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was constructed on the southern third of Lot #11 of Block #69, as surveyed in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. In 1881, John Heermans sold the property to John and Helen Greene. In 1925 the Greens sold the land to Florence and Edward Rose who built the house ca. 1926. It seems likely that they intended only to use the home as a rental property since the house was vacant in 1927 and occupied by William E. Severn in 1930, according to Corning City Directories. Mr. Severn was the vice principal of a local school. The garage was built some time after 1948 (date of the last Sanborn map). [I need to check the building permit files about a date.]

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories, Boyd's 1872-73, 1874-75, Hanford 1893-1930.

Gottfried, Herbert and Jan Jennings. American Vernacular Design. Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1988.

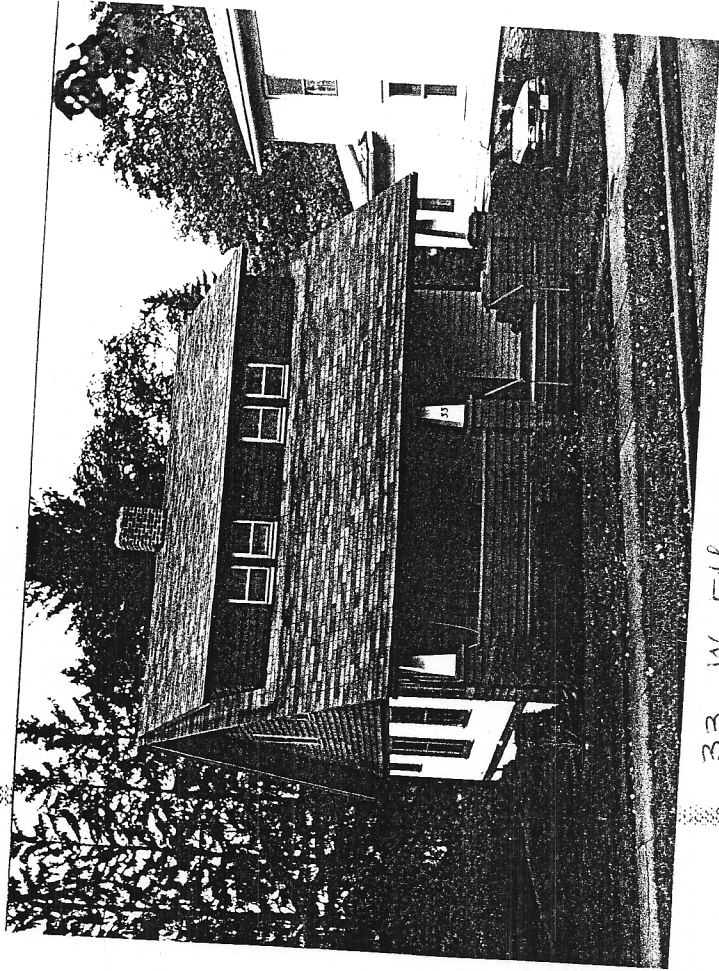
Map of Corning. Buffalo: H. Brewer and C. A. Canfield, 1855.

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

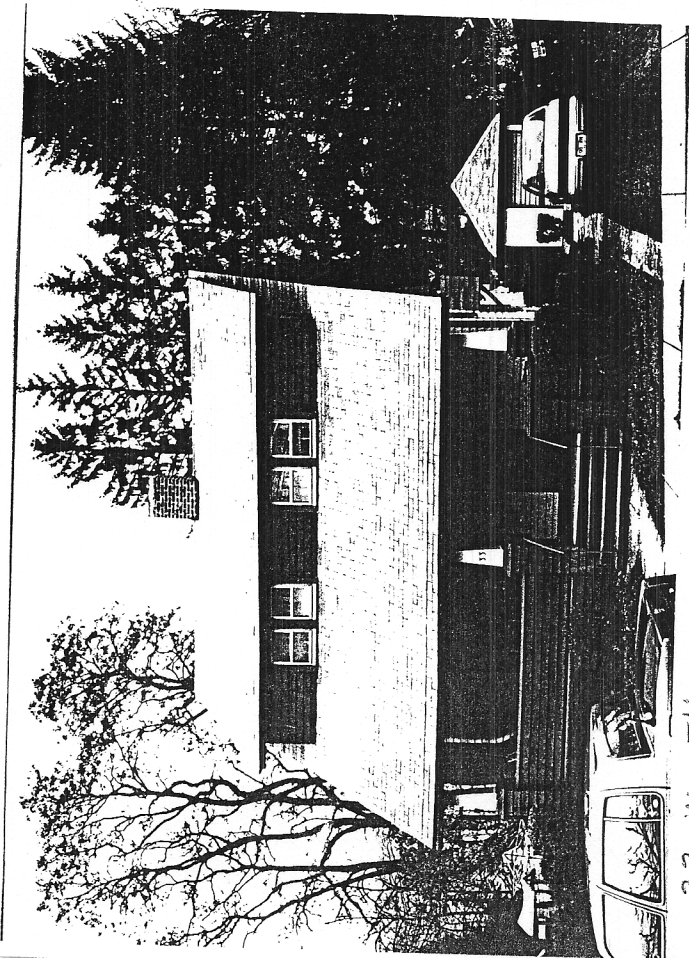
Sanborn Map Company. Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, New York, (1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930, and 1930 revised 1948).

Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, New York.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



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