

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: 39 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: James E. and Ann M. Dersham ADDRESS: 39 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 [] 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. 1906

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 are evident on the Sanborn Insurance maps (up to 1948). Recent alterations include a new pressure-treated wood porch on the rear (north) of the house. An older, smaller porch was shown on the 1908 Sanborn map; the date of the demolition of this original porch is unknown. The main entrance door has been replaced. The present door is smaller than the original frame. Other recent alterations are the addition of vinyl siding to the underside of the porch roof and vinyl gutters and downspouts.

15i. Landscape features:

Green shrubs are planted along the property line between this lot and its neighbor to the east. The house is at the same grade as the street, and the level of the lot slopes down steeply from south to north. No trees hinder the view from the street, though there are several large trees in the rear (north) yard.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of West Fifth Street, this residence is an example of a Colonial Hipped Cottage. Other Colonial Revival-style houses exist on this block, but this house is very different in design from that of its neighbors. This house is consistent in its setback and east-to-west spacing with others in its area. This residence is older than the Bungalow-style house at 33 West Fifth Street, but not as old as the Queen Anne-style home at 43 West Fifth Street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two story structure is a Colonial Hipped Cottage. This style is discussed in Gottfried and Jennings' American Vernacular Design, (p.194). Characteristics of this type of house include an interior chimney, hipped roof with flat, formal porch, clapboard siding, and a bay window. This example shows very little ornamentation; it is not known whether the house originally has ornamentation which might have been lost over time. An important detail, however, is the two-story rectilinear bay above the secondary entrance on the east side. The bay cuts through the roof line, forming a pedimented gable end.

Both stories of the house are sided with clapboard. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The windows of the front (south) facade are all one-over-one double-hung sash. The two windows on the second story level are ornamented with shutters. On the first story is a bay window to one side of the main entrance and a single window to the other side. The present door is smaller than the framing for the original door. Other ornamental features of this facade include decorative rafter ends, cornerboards, and a simple porch balustrade. The east facade features four windows and a side door. On the rear (north) of the house is a raised patio of pressure-treated lumber. A latticed wall is located on the west side of the patio. On the west facade is a three part bay window. A rectangular window with a diamond motif is near the porch at the south end.

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The foundation of this house is irregularly coursed sandstone that had been parged, but the parged surface is no longer intact.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the southern third of Lot #10 of Block #69, as surveyed and laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. Garrett Kinsella purchased the property from Philip R. Kinsella in July of 1889 for \$5.00. The land was sold again in 1901 to James W. Shea; Shea sold the lot to Harriet C. Hanrahan in January 1906. Mrs. Hanrahan constructed a home on the property ca. 1906. By 1909, Mrs. Hanrahan is listed in the city directory as a widow and a dressmaker. She lived in the house until ca. 1922.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories, Boyd's 1872-73, 1874-75, Hanford 1893-1920.

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.

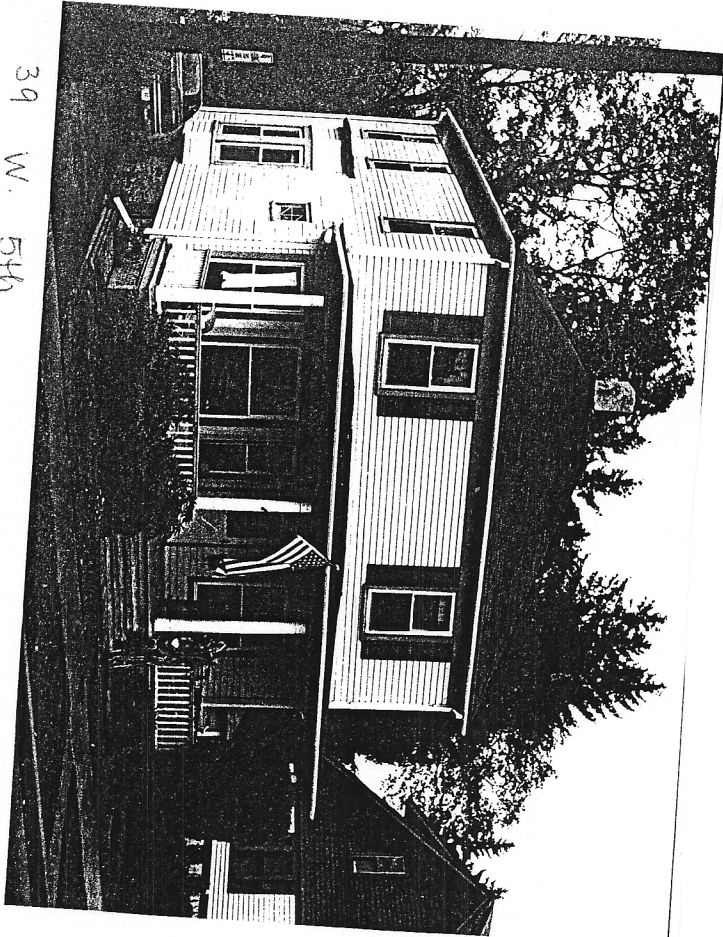
Sanborn Map Company. Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, New York, (1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930, and 1930 revised in 1948).

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

Steuben County Tax Records, (18??-1909), Steuben County Records Center, Bath, New York; (1910-present), Steuben County ??? Office, Bath, New York.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

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