

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 Emily E. Dow House
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 40 West Fifth Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Jeanne M. Spadinger ADDRESS: 40 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 [] 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):

See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1903

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 house has had very few alterations. The exterior siding has been covered with wood shingles. It appears that the shutters are a later addition. In 1973, some of the roofing was replaced.

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

A garage with drop siding was added at the rear of the site after 1948.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This cross-gabled two-and-a-half story house is of the late Queen Anne Style. The gable ends return slightly at the front gable and there is a cut-away bay at the northwest corner of the house. Additionally, there is a sawn bracket support at this bay. The windows are one-over-one sash and there is a chimney at the interior ridge.

There are two similar porches--one at the north and one at the southeast corner of the house. Both are one story with square support posts and shed roofs. The southern, or front porch, has turned posts and the entry is accented with a pedimented gable. The balusters of the rear, or southeast porch, have been enclosed with shingles.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the northern half of Lot #2 of Block 70 as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The property was originally owned by Mary Eagler, and then her heirs. In 1902 Emily Dow acquired the property and constructed this house. Emily Dow was the widow of William T. Dow, a glass cutter. Her son, Leonard lived with her for some time. He was also a glass cutter. This house remained in the Dow family until 1969.

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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.

-1902. No Eagler, Muphy, Dow listed

-1903. Emily Dow. Lots: north 1/2 of lots 1 & 2, all of 3. House. value \$1100.

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

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



40 West 54th

