

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: 43-45 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Stewart and Donna Ellis ADDRESS: 11 Orchard Drive, Corning
- 6. USE: Original: two-family residence Present: two-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[] g. stucco[]
other: asbestos siding
- 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: 1902

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. Major Alterations and Dates (if known):

The rear (north) porches were enclosed ca. 1910. The one-story porch on the west facade was enclosed after 1948. Asbestos siding has replaced the original building material.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of West Fifth Street, this residence is an example of a Queen Anne-style house. This is the most high style example of a Queen Anne-style house on this end of the block. The neighboring residences are vernacular home types such as the colonial cottage. This house is older than its immediate neighbors at 244 Walnut and 39 West Fifth, but the after 238-240 Walnut, also in lot #9. The scale of this house is larger than its neighbors. This is both because it is a two-family residence and because of the projecting bays and gables of the Queen Anne-style. The east-to-west spacing is close in this area, especially between this residence and 244 Walnut. The setback of this structure is consistent in this area. This residence is situated at nearly the same grade as West Fifth Street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-and-a-half-story home was designed as a Queen Anne-style two-family residence. This style is discussed in McAlester's A Field Guide to American Houses, (p. 262). The identifying characteristics of this house include a clipped corner, steeply-pitched roof, projecting bay, and numerous porches.

The residence is sided with asbestos shingles. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The fenestration on the front (south) facade includes two-over-two double-hung sash windows and a main entrance recessed under the porch roof at the southeast corner. Eight-over-one and ten-over-one double-hung sash are located in the top one-half story of the two-and-a-half story three-sided bay centered on this south facade. This bay and the clipped corner at the southwest corner of the house are capped by steeply-pitched gables. Decorative dentils are located under the eaves on every facade, and the front (south) porch is ornamented with simple brackets. The west facade features an enclosed porch. The main entrance for the second residence was originally located on this facade which faces Walnut Street. The main entrance to this residence is now located on the south side of the enclosed porch and it is ornamented with latticework. A large three-part one-over-one window with wood storms is located on this west facade.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The rear (north) facade is dominated by two rectangular bays which delineate the division of this two-family residence. The windows on the rear and sides are also two-over-two on the first and second stories, and eight-over-one windows in the gables.

This house is set on a foundation of coursed gray stone. The interior chimney is brick and small for the size of the house. It is located at the center of the residence. The front porch features wooden turned posts and wooden floor.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was constructed on the southern third of Lot #9 of Block #69, as surveyed in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. In 1889, Garrett Kinsella purchased lots #9 and #10 from Phillip R. Kinsella. At that time, there was already one house existing on the north third of lot #9 and one on lot #10. This residence at 43-45 West Fifth was not built until ca. 1902 when the tax records indicate a jump in property value from \$800 to \$1800. Kinsella sold the north 100' of the lots to William W. Huggins in 1904. The next known owner of the south 65' is Eugene Dean who willed the property to his daughter Mary D. Shea et. al. in 1925. The property was sold again in 1926 to John and Mabel Holly. This family retained the property until 1973 when Joseph Holly sold the land to K. Rawcliffe.

Used as rental property, this residence has housed some important residents of Corning. In the 1903 directory, Frederick Carder is listed as residing in this house. Having arrived in Corning that same year, this must have been Carder's first residence in Corning before moving in 1904 to 249 Pine St. where he lived until his death in 1963. In 1903, Carder is listed as being the manager of Steuben glass works which he founded with T.G. Hawkes. The other resident that year was George O'Connor, superintendent of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. O'Connor's address was listed as 246 Walnut Street. By 1911, Fred A. Ellison was living at 43 W. Fifth. He was an accountant at New York Central Railroad, however he served a term as mayor of Corning from 1911-12. The residence was also occupied by 1913 by James F. Howard, the City Clerk. The address is listed as 43½ by this date.

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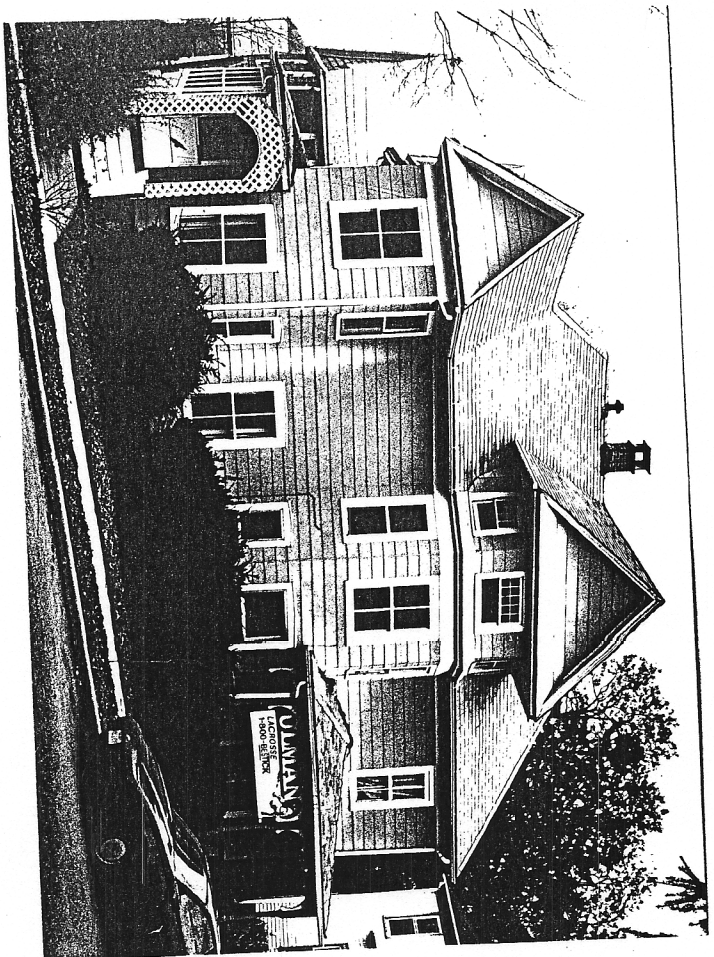
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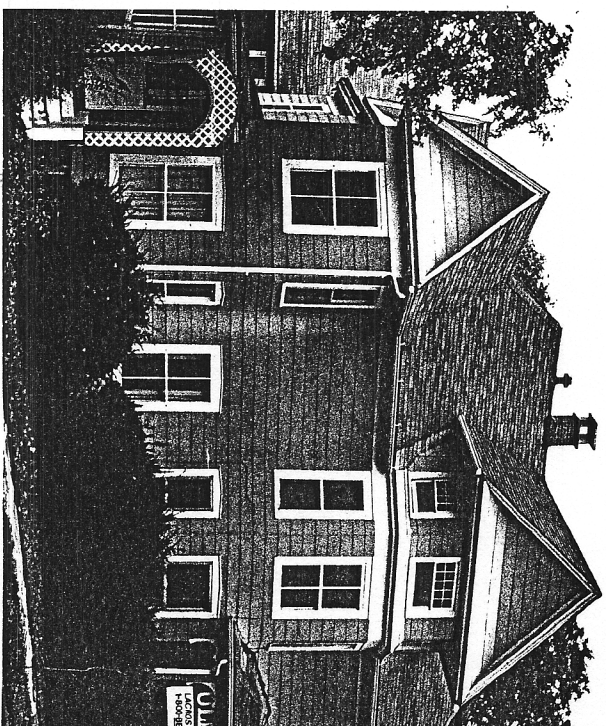
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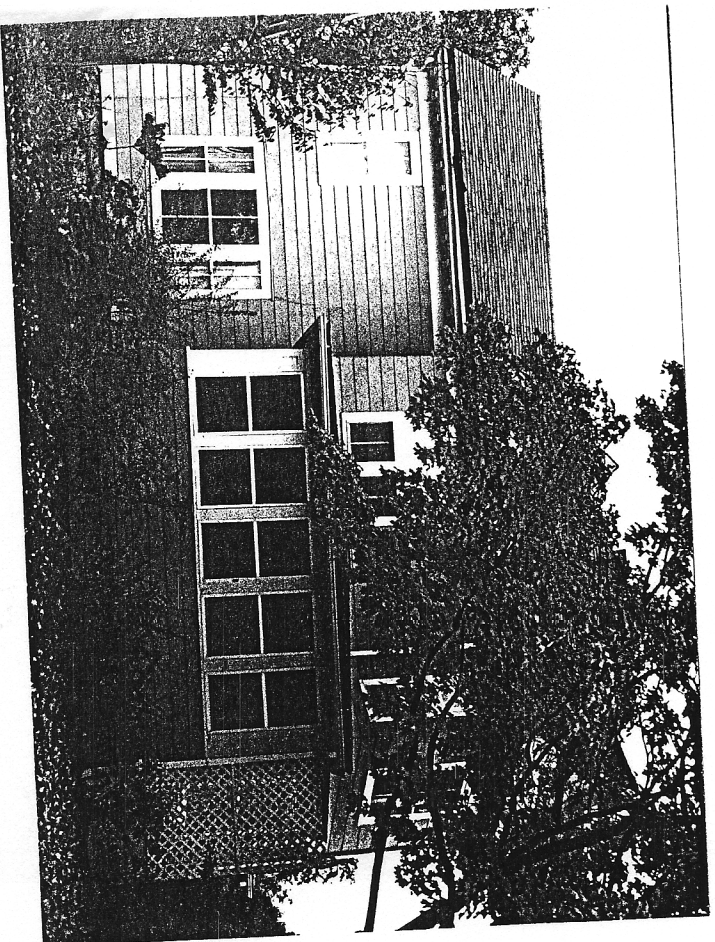
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