

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 Catherine Eagler House
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 46 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Albert O. & W.F. Portner ADDRESS: 46 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 [ ] g. stucco [ ] other: aluminum 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 [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: circa 1884

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 primary form of the structure has not changed over time. In the summer of 1974, a new roof was added. In the summer of 1989, the exterior of the house was covered with vinyl siding and several windows were replaced. It was at this time that the west, or side, porch balusters were also enclosed with siding. The front porch balusters have been replaced with aluminum railing. On both porches, the support posts have been replaced with 6" x 6" square posts. The original balusters on both porches were probably turned posts in the Queen Anne Style.

#### 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.

The lot for this house is half as deep as the others of this block. This is because there were two other residences constructed at the rear of the lot. These homes face Walnut Street.

#### 18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This cross-gabled Queen Anne Style home is located at the corner of West Fifth and Walnut streets. It has a cut-away bay at the northwest corner, a bay window at the front or north of the house, and one-over-one sash windows. The shape and location of the porches are original, however the detailing has been modified. There were probably decorative shingles in the gable of this two-and-a-half story house, but have been covered with siding. There are two entrances to the house--one at the north or front, and one at the east side of the house. There is an interior chimney near the cross-gables.

The house is set on a parged foundation. Judging from the date of construction, the foundation is probably stone.

#### 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed in the northern half of Lot #1 of Block 70, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. In 1884, Catherine "Kate" Eagler constructed this house. Ms. Eagler was a tailoress. Her son George, a glass blower, lived with her in this house. He eventually inherited the property and owned it until 1930.

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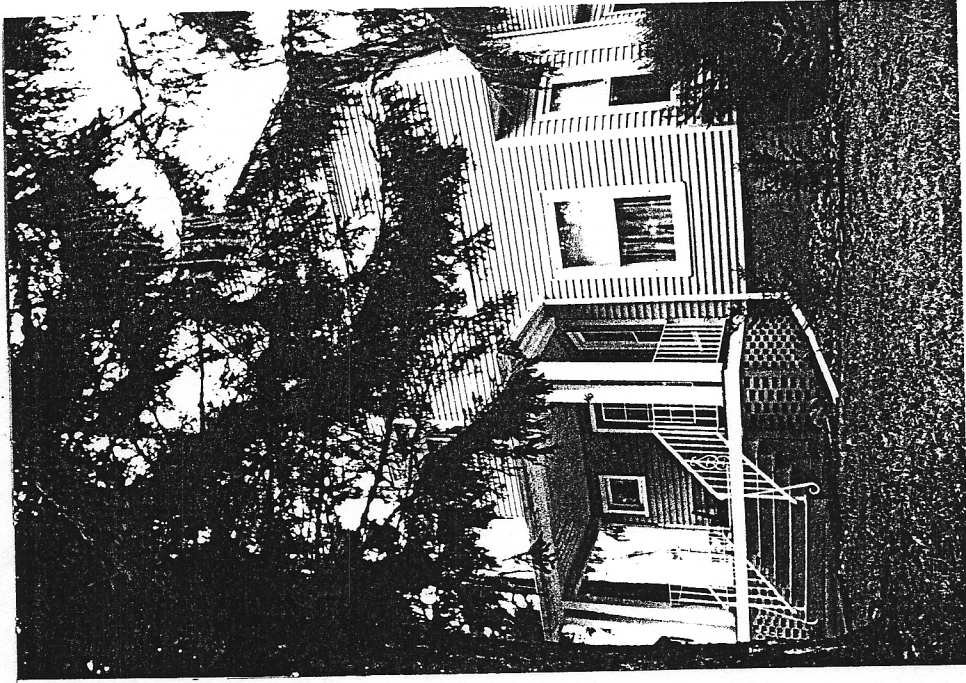
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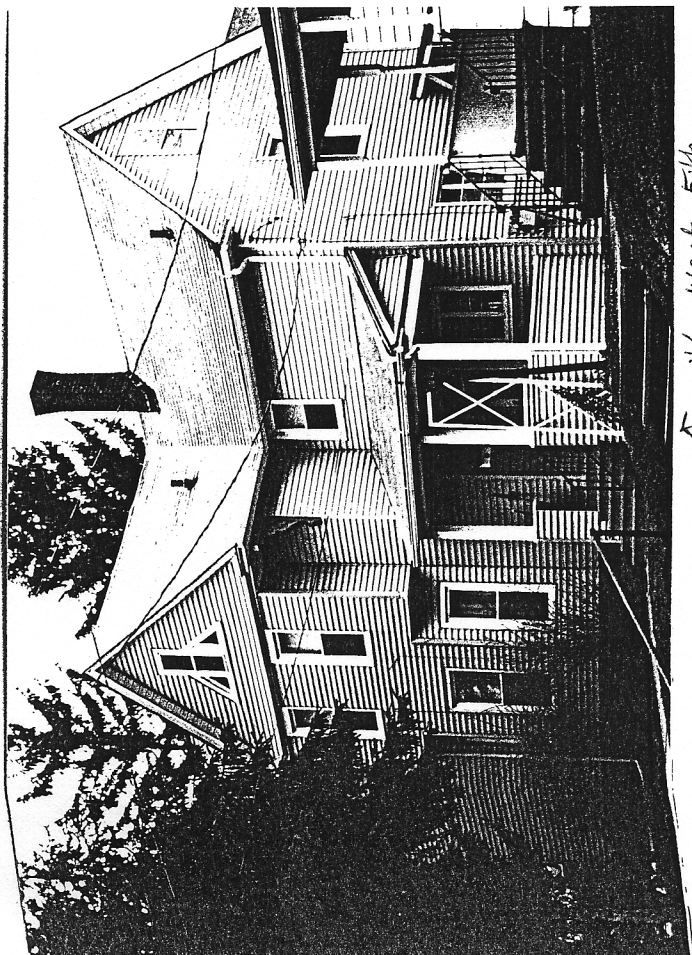
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



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