

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 54 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Shirley M. & Harold J. Miles ADDRESS: 54 West Fifth Street
- 6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: single-family residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road Yes No
Interior accessible: Yes No Explain: Private Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard 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
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain)
e. other
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when?
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): none known
- 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:
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:
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:
(Including interior features if known):

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1900

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

This structure is located on the southwest corner of West Fifth and Walnut streets. The house is situated on a small plateau which raises it about 5' above the sidewalk. An empty lot separates this house and the neighboring house to the west. This structure is comparatively large in relation to most others on the street.

The house was built in the Queen Anne Style and is one of several on the block. A little more than half the houses on this section of West Fifth Street were standing when this house was built. This building is unique among the older neighboring houses in that no major alterations appear to have been done to the house since the original construction. It also has more embellishments ("higher style") than the other Queen Anne houses.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-and-a-half-story building is a good example of the Queen Anne Style of architecture, exhibiting many elements of the style such as asymmetrical facades, a wraparound porch with decorative spindlework, steeply-pitched cross-gables, and textured shingle gable ornaments.

The first and second stories of the house are covered with clapboard. The pent gables above the second story on the north, east, and west facades contain wood shingle ornamentation. The western gable contains a half-circle window and the eastern gable features a tall thin rectangular window with oriel-shaped protrusions from the gable at the top and base of the window.

The main (north) facade has a wraparound porch with a pedimented entry on the west side. There is a second-story porch over the entry. The first story has a large bay window to the east of the front door; a pedimented gable rises above it from the second story. The east facade contains an integral porch on the second story and a decorative overhang over a clipped corner on the first story. A small single-story porch is located in the southeast corner. The west facade is unusually regular compared to the other facades, having more of a smooth-walled appearance. There are two multi-light windows on the second story.

The house has a partially-raised basement constructed out of rough-cut, irregularly-coursed stone. The house also has two chimneys, an end-chimney on the south end and a ridge-chimney located in the center of the roof.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house is constructed on the northern half of Lot #8 of Block 73, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. In 1891 this parcel of land was sold to George T. Miles for \$850 by George J., Frank J., and Andrew Holzman. Sometime ca. 1900 George Miles, an employee of Corning Glass, had the current house built. In 1964 Harold Miles, the current owner and George's son, acquired the house.

George Miles, an Irish immigrant, was a glassworker in Brooklyn before moving to Corning. He also had two brothers in Corning; one of them, Charlie Miles, had a residence on Fourth Street.

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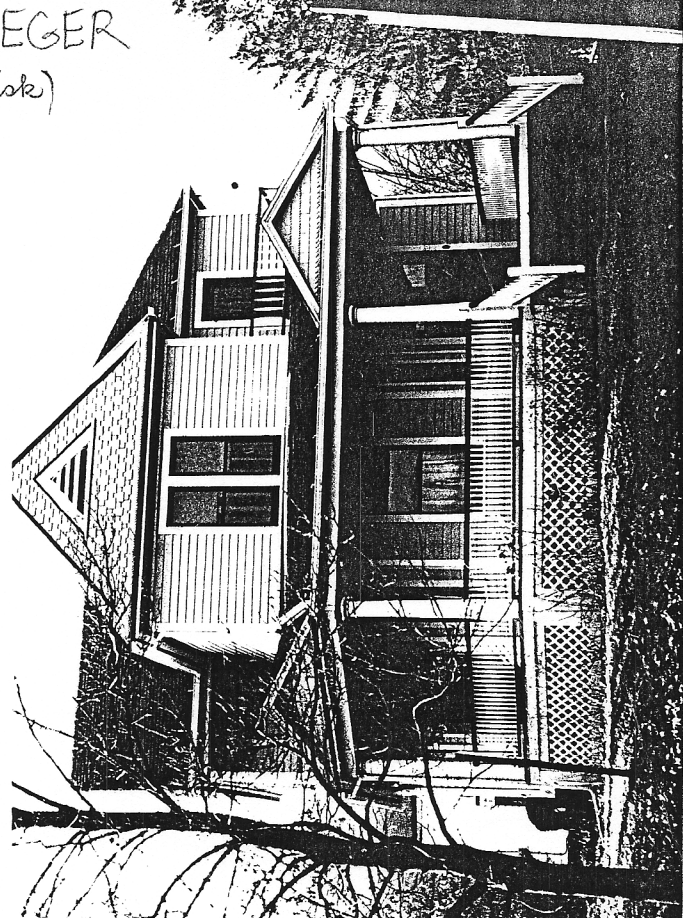
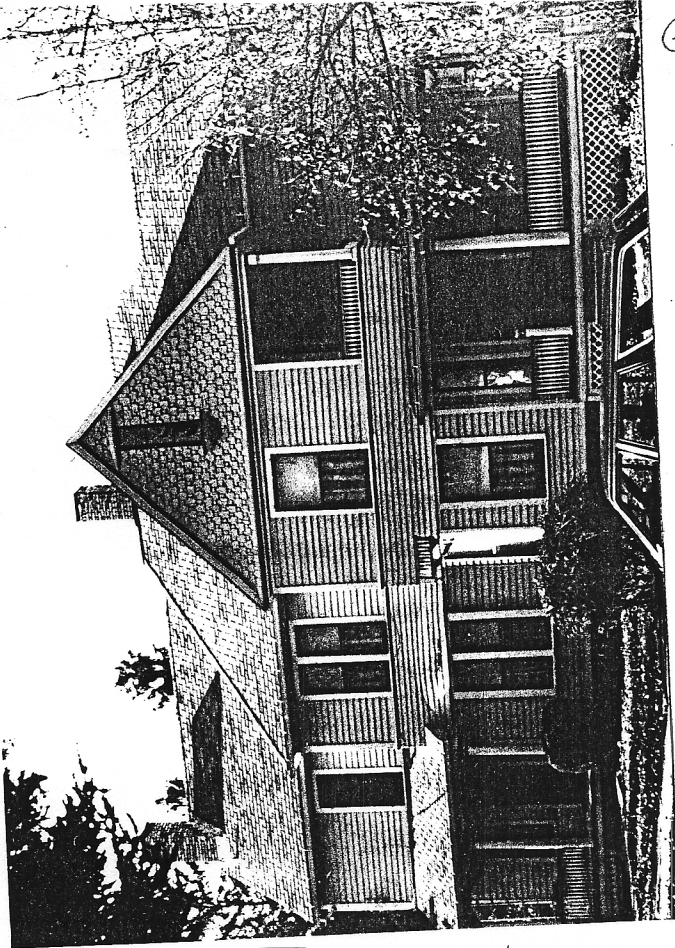
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

West Facade

East Facade

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