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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: 63-63½ West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Jacob and Karen Welch ADDRESS: 15 East Third Street
- 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 Residences

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: ca. 1913

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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

This residence may have been moved from near W. Third Street. The date the house appears on this property is ca. 1913. The exterior is clad with asbestos shingles which replaced the original material. A porch was added to the east facade ca. 1925.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of West Fifth Street, this residence an example of a modified Italianate-style house. It is one of several Italianate-style residences on this end of the block. This house appeared after 239 Walnut, but before its neighbor at 51 West Fifth Street. The scale of this house is larger than its single-family neighbors at 51 W. Fifth and 65 W. Fifth. The east-to-west spacing is much closer to the west than to the east. The setback of this structure is consistent with that of its neighbors. This residence is situated at nearly the same grade as the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story residence was designed as an Italianate-style double house. This style is discussed in McAlester's A Field Guide to American Houses, (p. 211). Its characteristics include three bay design, wide overhanging eaves, tall narrow windows and low-pitched hipped roof.

This house is sided with asbestos shingles. The low-pitched hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The fenestration on the front (south) facade includes six-over-one double-hung sash windows and two main entrances. One entrance is in the center bay of this facade, and the other is located in a one-story section in the reentrant angle west of the three-bay facade. The door are wood panel and glass. The hoods over these main-entrances are hipped-roofs with asphalt shingles supported by decorative wooden brackets. A door to a secondary entrance is located on the east facade and covered by a small porch with a closed rail and turned posts. The rear (north) facade features a staircase and second story entrance. This entry has an enclosed landing at the top of the staircase.

The foundation of this house is a concrete and rubble mix. The interior, paired cylindrical chimney pots are east of center. A newer brick chimney with vents is located to the rear (north) of the house.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This residence at 63-63½ W. Fifth is located on the south portion of Lot #15 of Block #74, as surveyed in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. Michael Callahan purchased Lot #15 from Francis A. Williams in 1891, according to a deed in book #291 p. 115 which was not recorded until 1907. Lot #16 was bought by Callahan from John J. and Dudley A. Olcott in 1891 as recorded in deed book #297 p. 322, also not recorded until 1907. Michael Callahan was listed as a laborer and later as an employee of Standard Oil Company. At Michael's death in 1919, he left the northern portion of these lots to his son, Martin J. Callahan. The southern portion was left to his other four children, Catherine M. Patterson, Marguerite Dineen, Edward J. Callahan, and Harriet Francois. Francis Sharoff purchased the property from Catherine Patterson in 1922. It was sold again in 1938 to Harris Barth who lived there until 1947 when Frederick Salem bought the property and kept it until 1972.

The house first appeared in this location in 1913. Paul Loeven and August Stoquert, both glass workers, are listed as residing there in the 1913-14 directory. It may have been moved from near the Corning Free Academy on West Third Street. The general shape is close to that of 40 W. Third Street which was replaced on the 1913 Sanborn map by the larger 30 W. Third Street. The house which neighbored 40 W. Third was 34 W. Third which also does not appear in that location in 1913 and was replaced by 30 W. Third. This may have been moved to lots #15 and #16 of this same block to become 241 Walnut Street.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories, Boyd's 1872-73, 1874-75, Hanford 1893-1930.

Gottfried, Herbert and Jan Jennings. American Vernacular Design. (Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1988.)

McAlester, Virginia and Lee McAlester. A Field Guide to American Houses. (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1992.)

Map of Corning. Buffalo: H. Brewer and C. A. Canfield, 1855.

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21. SOURCES:

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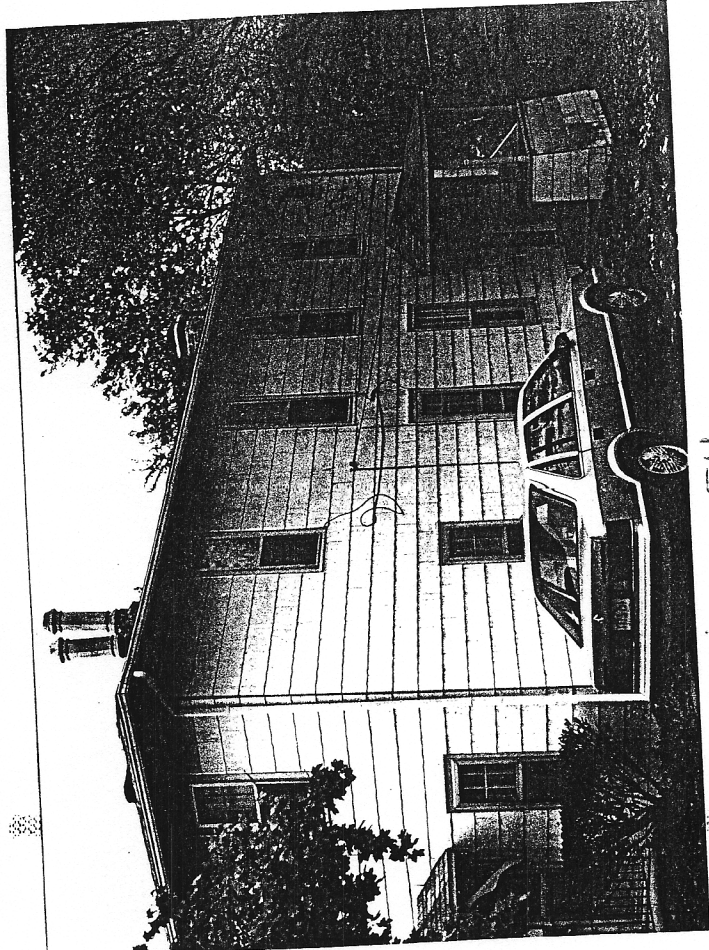
Map of Corning. Philadelphia: Philadelphia Publishing House, C.J. Corbin, 1882.

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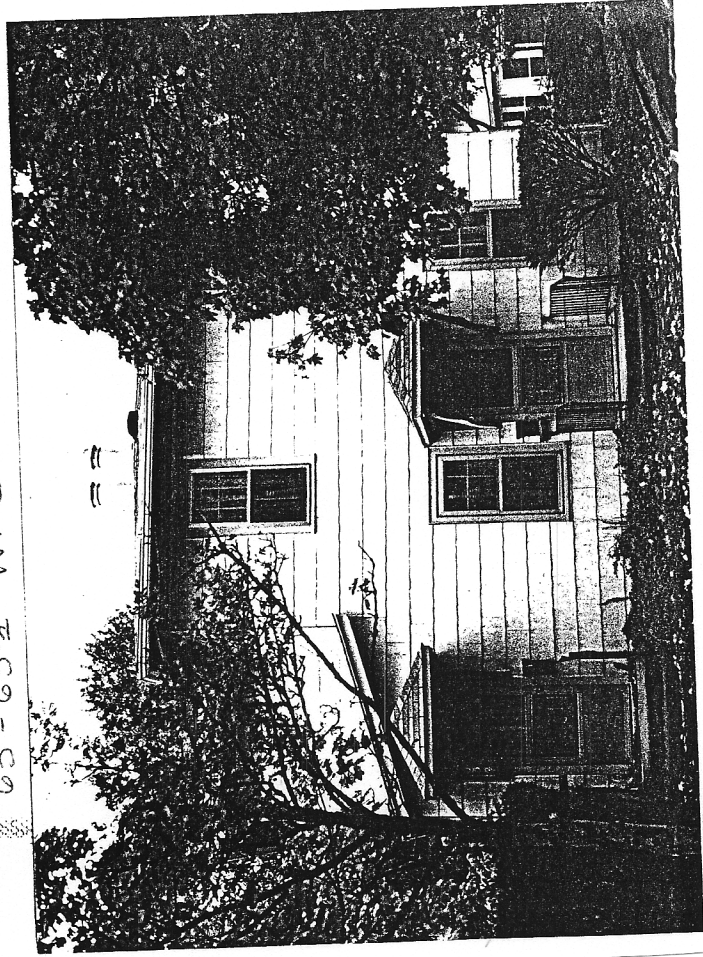
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Steuben County Tax Records, Steuben County Records Center, Bath, New York (18??-1909), Steuben County ??? Office, Bath, New York, (1910-present).

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



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