

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

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DATE: FALL 1993
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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 75 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Florence Wellech ADDRESS: 75 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[x] 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 [] 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. 1867

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 (if known):

A garage was added to the west of the house ca. 1917. The full-length front (south) porch was removed, the entryway altered by the construction of a projecting vestibule, and an east side door closed off ca. 1938. The one-story addition to the rear (north) of the house and enlargement of the rear porch was likely done at this same time, though it is not noted on the 1930 revised Sanborn map of 1948. (The front porch is still appears on the 1948 as well.)

15i. This lot contains several large trees along the property line with 83 W. Fifth Street. The the lawn in the rear (north) slopes gently downward to the alley. One tree is planted between the house and the street, but it does not hamper the view of the house.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of West Fifth Street, this residence is a gabled ell cottage structure. The cottages that neighbor this residence to the west are also L-shaped. The east-to-west spacing of this house is much greater to the west than to the east. A garage and driveway were placed in this additional space to the west. This residence is among the oldest on this block. The setback is consistent with its neighbors to the west but to the east, 77 W. Fifth Street is set back farther on its lot. This residence (75 W. Fifth St.) is situated at nearly the same grade as the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This residence is a "gabled ell cottage" structure as defined by Gottfried and Jennings in their book, American Vernacular Architecture (p. 180). The pitch of the roof is very low in this case.

The first floor is sided with clapboards, and the second story changes to wooden shingles. The transition is not obvious, however, because both siding materials are painted the same color. The crossing gables of the roof are covered with asphalt shingles. The fenestration on the front (south) facade includes five six-over-one windows and one three-part window to the right of the entry. Casement windows are installed on the outside of these six-over-one windows. A semi-circular window is positioned in the gable end. The front door is found in a projecting vestibule constructed of uncoursed fieldstone. This same stonework was used to build the chimney on the west facade. The west facade also has casement windows to either side of the chimney on the first floor. The northwest corner of the rear porch is visible on the west facade. The piers of this one-story porch are sided with clapboards. The north facade features the porch and one-story addition. The addition is gabled while there is a flat roof over the porch. A secondary entrance is located under an aluminum awning on the north facade of the addition and another is accessed via the porch.

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The foundation of this house is fully parged. A one-car garage is located to the west of the house. It has a gabled roof which is parallel to the street and is covered with asphalt shingles. A small brick chimney is located in the northeast corner of the garage. A pedestrian door is located on the east facade of the garage.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was constructed on the southern half of Lot #12 of Block #69, as surveyed in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. Michael and Ann Dunn purchased the southern half of Lot #12 from the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Albany on July 6, 1869. The tax records indicate a house in this location on the southern half of Lot #12 in 1867 with a value of \$50. The Dunns sold the lot to Thomas Coakley and his wife Eva in 1882. Thomas had purchased the northern half of the lot from John Coakley, a laborer, in 1891. According to tax records, there was a house located on the north half of Lot #12 as early as 1872 with a total real-estate value of \$80.00. By 1882, the tax records show Thomas owning a house and lot on the southern halves of Lots #12 and #13. The value at this date was \$500.00. Thomas does not appear in the city directories until 1893, at which time he is listed at living at 68 W. Fifth Street. This address discrepancy may be explained by a change in the street numbers sometime around the turn of the century. The deed changed hands again in 1895 when Thomas and Eva Coakley sold and bought back the property on the same day to and from Ellsworth D. Mills. Carrie Weisenberger bought the property from Eva Coakley in 1901. Edmund and Florence Wellech received the property through Jacob Weisenberger's will of 1937. Florence Wellech's name still appears on the current deed.

21. SOURCES:

Conversation with Florence Wellech, November 1993.

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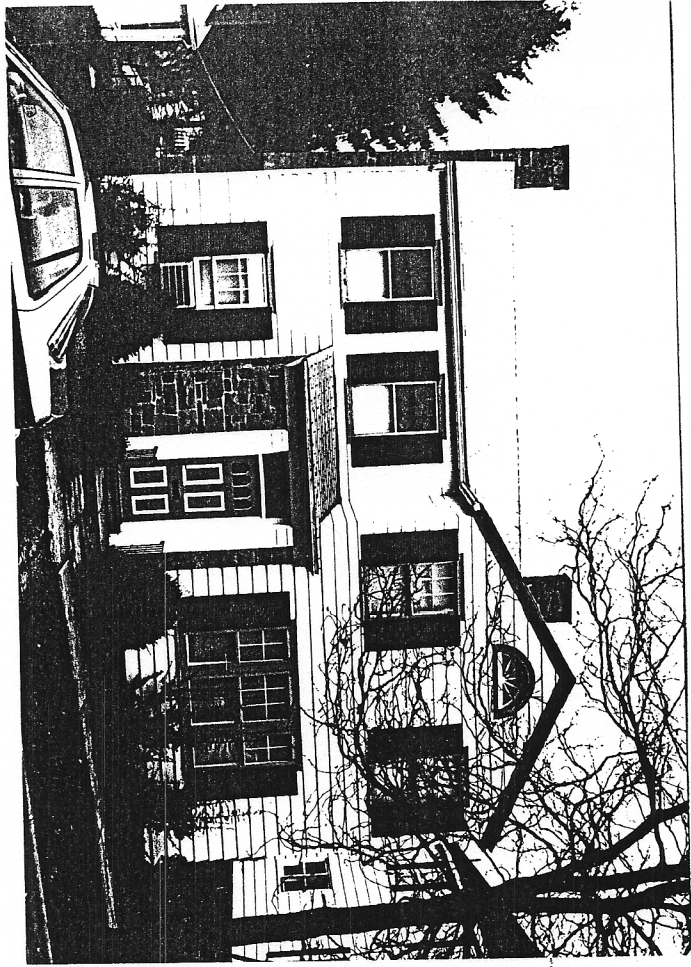
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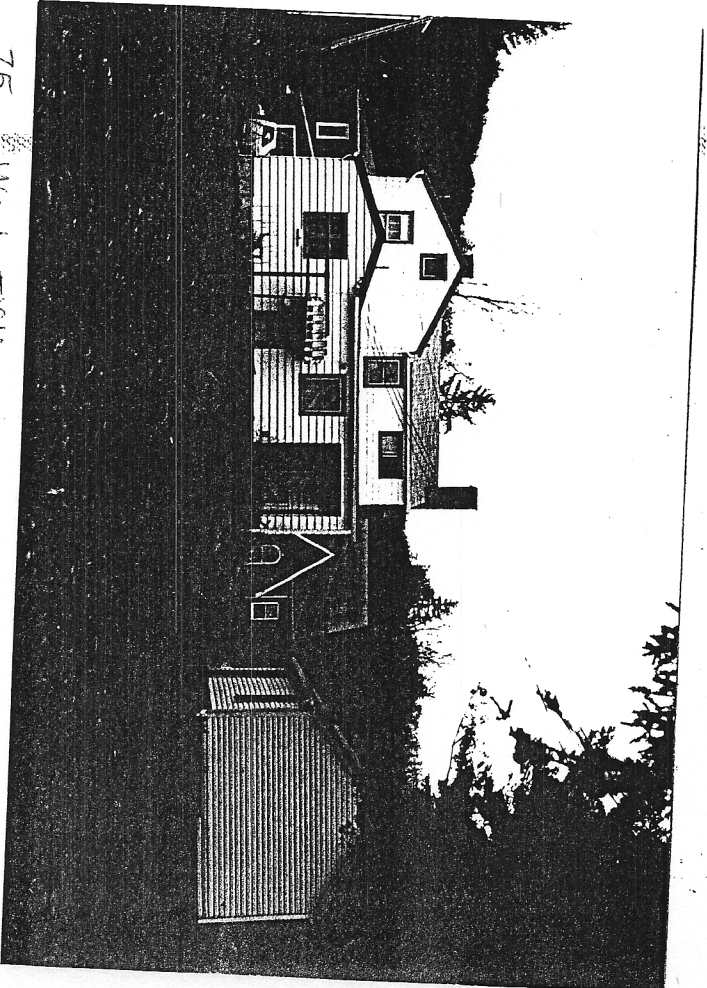
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