

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: 77 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: William Thomas ADDRESS: 77 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[x] 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[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. 1903

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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

A rear (north) porch was added ca. 1905. The street number has changed from 71 to 77 W. Fifth ca. 1911. A brick veneer was added to the front (south) facade. Changes to the windows and door were likely done at this same time. The front (south) porch was remodeled after 1948 from one-story to two-stories with a monumental pediment and full-height square columns. In 1973, William Thomas put on a one-story addition to the rear (north) of the house. He also added the stair to the second floor on the east facade and the pressure-treated wood deck on the north facade in 1973. Thomas put on a new asphalt shingle roof and poured a new concrete sidewalk in 1993.

15i. Landscape Features

The primary landscape feature is the moderate downward slope of the to the north alley.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of West Fifth Street, this residence an example of a hipped cottage type of house. It is the only one of this kind on this end of the block; the neighboring residences are examples of gabled-ell cottage types. This house was built after the houses neighboring it. The scale of this house is consistent with its neighbors. The east-to-west spacing is also consistent in this area, however the setback of this structure is set back farther on its lot. This residence is situated at nearly the same grade as the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story home was designed as a "hipped cottage". This style is discussed in Gottfried and Jennings' American Vernacular Design, (p. 194-97). The characteristics of this type include a hipped roof with flat, one-story porch, three-bay organization, and clapboard siding. The additions and modifications have changed the design considerably.

The front (south) facade is brick veneered. The other facades are sided with clapboards. The hipped roof with flat is covered with asphalt shingles. The fenestration on the front (south) facade includes four one-over-one aluminum windows and the main entrance set off-center. The front door is a wood paneled door. The east facade features a wood staircase to the second floor entry. The rear (north) addition doubles the depth of the house. This addition has large single lights. The north facade is brick veneered on

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the lower level. The wood deck is above grade at the one-story level.

This residence is set on a foundation of coursed gray sandstone which has been parged. The rear (north)

addition has a poured concrete foundation. A small brick chimney is located on the flat of the hipped roof, and a large concrete chimney is located on the west facade of the rear addition. The shed is positioned on the northwest corner of the property. It is roughly made of plywood and asphalt shingles and stands about one-and-a-half stories high and has no foundation.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was constructed on the southern third of Lot #13 of Block #74, as surveyed in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. John Coakley sold the property to Elizabeth C. Coakley in 1895. Mary J. Evans bought the property from Elizabeth Coakley in 1902 and built a house on the lot ca. 1903. At her death, the property went to Chauncey C. Evans. Chauncey Evans' will gave the property to William Thomas, the present owner, in 1968. Mary Evans' husband, Arthur, had a number of jobs. In 1902, he is listed as a partner in the shirt manufacturing company, Kruke and Evans. The 1903 directory listed Evans as a glass cutter. By 1909, he was an agent for railroad train men. Most significantly, Evans was the founder of the Loyal Order of the Moose, as credited in the 1911-12 directory.

21. SOURCES:

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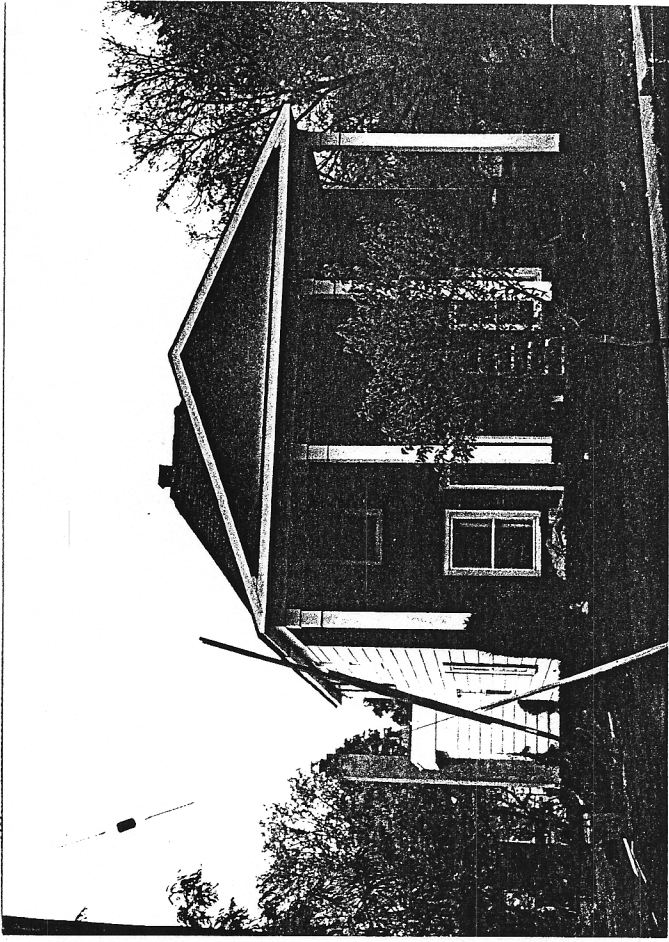
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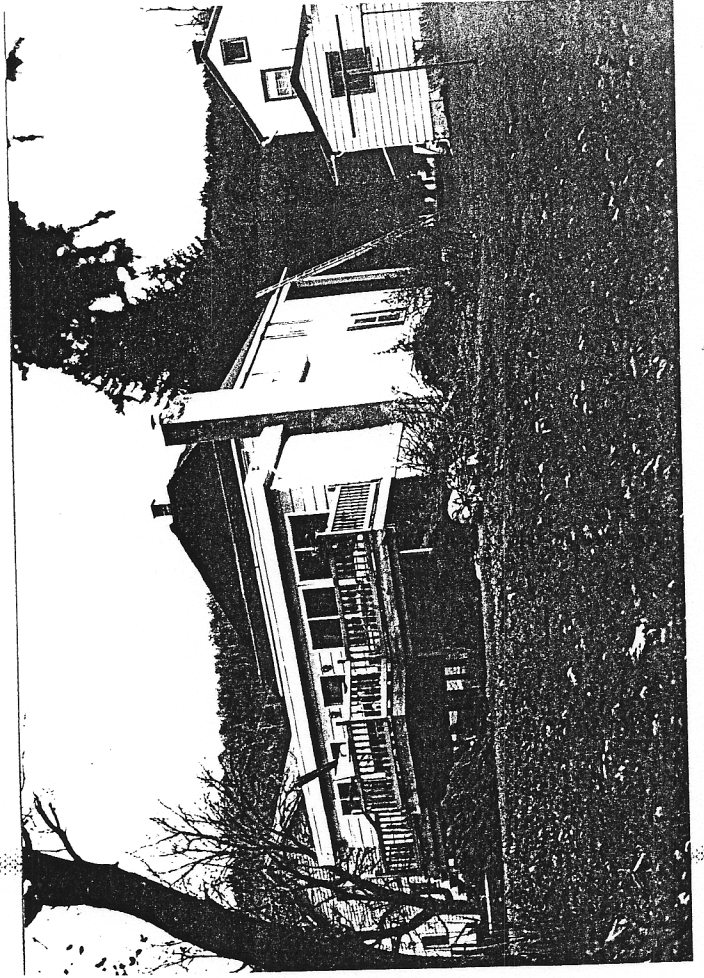
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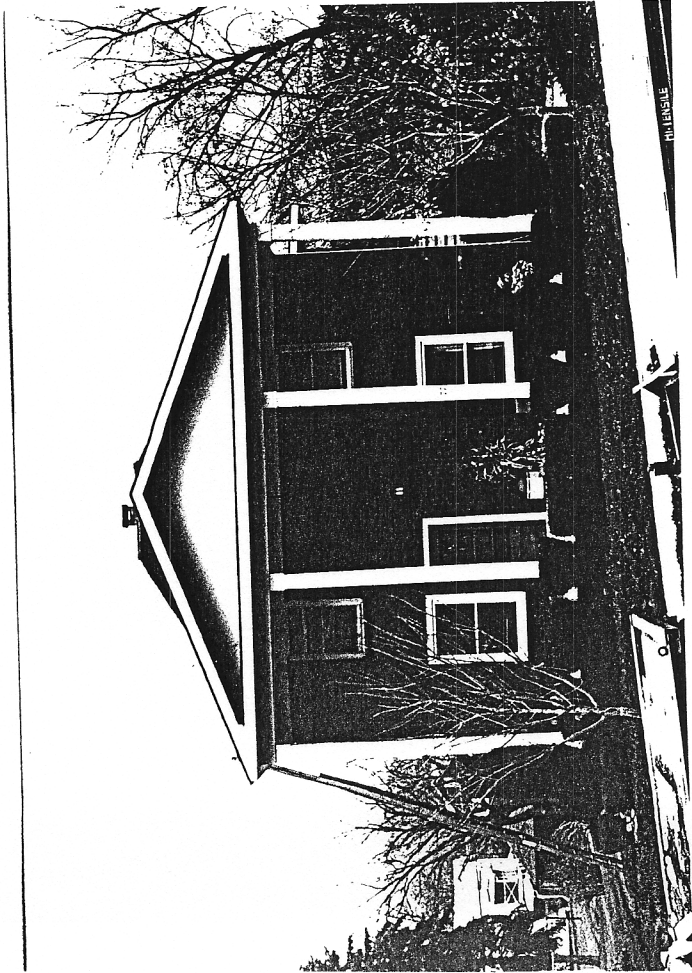
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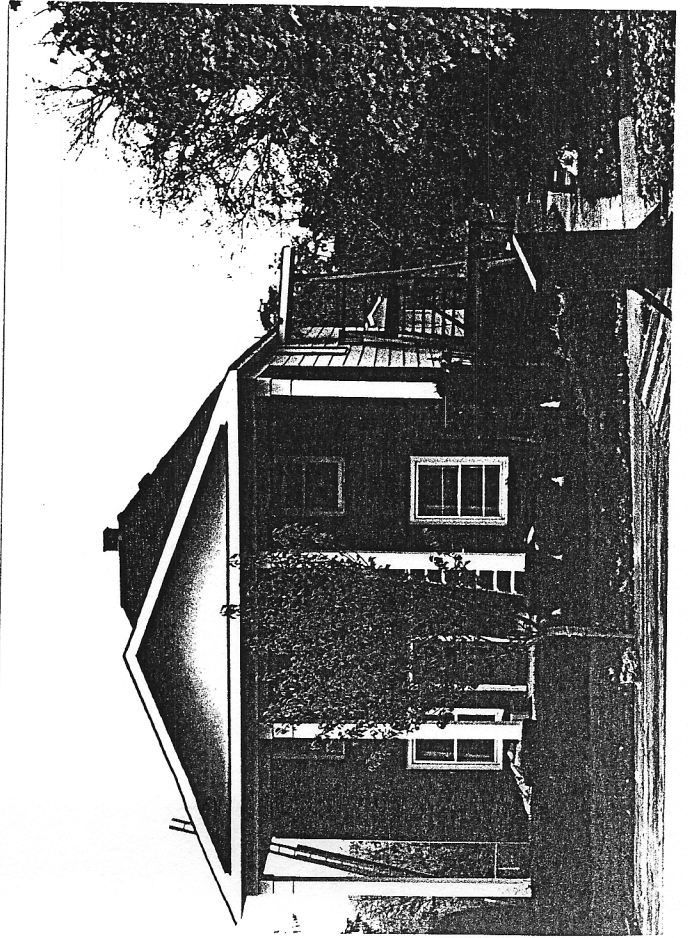
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