

**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: 86 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Thomas J. & Anne H. Galvin ADDRESS: 86 West Fifth Street
- 6. USE: Original: two-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  
e. other (explain)
- 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):

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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:  
  
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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:  
(Including interior features if known):  
  
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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1870  
  
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:

Several major modifications were made to this structure. A two-story addition was attached to the rear (south) of the previously box-shaped house ca. 1890. A bay window was added to the west facade sometime after 1948. A one-story, full-width porch was removed from the front (north) facade sometime after 1948. The house has also undergone several siding changes, the most recent being the addition of vinyl siding in 1981.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

This structure is situated on the south side of West Fifth Street between Walnut and Chestnut streets. It is one of older buildings on the street, and one of several built in the Italianate Style. The size and setback of the building are consistent with the majority of the houses on the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This structure is built in the Italianate Style of architecture. This two-story house has a nearly rectangular plan with a single-story porch forming the southeast corner of the house. The house has a low-pitch, simple-hipped roof and a three-ranked front (north) facade, with the entrance in the northwest corner. The west facade features a single-story bay window. The entrance to the house contains a simply-ornamented door casing. The house has a ridge chimney. The sidewalk in front of the house is brick, a rare feature on the street.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is set on Lot #3 of Block 73, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The structure was probably built for John Callahan, a glassworker, in 1870. The house was kept in the Callahan family until 1940 when the Hickey family gained ownership. The current owners acquired the house in 1990. The house is visible in an 1882 "bird's eye view" painting of Corning.

21. SOURCES:

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