

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO.  
QUAD

SERIES  
NEG. NO.

DATE: FALL 1993  
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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 89 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x] ADDRESS: 89 West Fifth Street
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: John Nockel Present: single-family residence
- 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[ ] b. stone[ ] c. brick[ ] d. board&batten[ ]  
e. cobblestone[ ] f. shingles[ ] g. stucco[ ]  
other: fiber board
- 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. 1888

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 one-story, hipped roof extension was added some time after 1948 to the rear (north) of the house. This addition has two entries, one on its east facade and another positioned down the slope on the north facade. A paved driveway extends from this second door to the alley north of the lot. The porch look to have been altered ca. 1925.

15i. This lot slopes downhill moderately from street level at the south toward the doorway on the north facade which is half a story lower. There is little shrubbery at the rear (north), but a large tree is positioned between the house and the street in the front (south).

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of West Fifth Street, this residence is one of several homes on this block that share Italianate-style features. This house is among the oldest structures in this block. The scale of this house is similar to that of its neighbors. Its east-to-west spacing is somewhat closer than the spacing further east on the block. The setback is consistent with its neighbors, and the front of this residence is situated at nearly the same grade as the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story home is a "gabled-ell cottage" with Italianate-style features. The "gabled-ell cottage" massing consists of intersecting gables as described in Gottfried and Jennings in their book, American Vernacular Architecture (p. 180). Other features of this style include the paired windows and the porch and entrance set in the reentrant angle formed by the intersection of the crossing gables. Although the massing is atypical, some Italianate-style features do exist. These features include tall narrow windows, wide overhanging eaves, and a low pitched roof. This example shows very little ornamentation; it is not known whether the house originally had additional ornamentation. The front (south) has four battered piers resting on an enclosed railing.

The house is sided with fiberboard cut in short lengths of approximately two feet. The porch railing is also sided with this material. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles. A triangular vent is located in the peak of the gable except on all facades except the west chimney is centered. The windows on the front (south) facade are a mix of casements and replacement aluminum windows. The second floor contains a pair of windows. On the east facade is a one-story, five-sided bay window with a pyramidally shaped roof. Another pair of windows is found on the second floor above the bay. A picture window is located on the west facade and a small six-paned window on the north facade.

The foundation of this house is coursed sandstone which has been parged.

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## 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the southern half of Lot #10 of Block #74, as laid out by the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The property belonged to Jacob Kriger (or Krieger) who sold it to Mrs. Fannie Bell or her husband before 1893. The house and lot appear on an 1893 map by Harry C. Heermans. Mrs. Bell sold the property to John Snyder (or Schneider) in 1896. Mr. Snyder, a glass cutter, lived next door at 83 West Fifth Street for many years and rented out 89 West Fifth Street to a number of tenants. The property changed hands again in 1914 when J. Peter Nockel, also a glass worker, purchased it.

## 21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories, Boyd's 1872-73, 1874-75, Hanford 1893-1920.

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

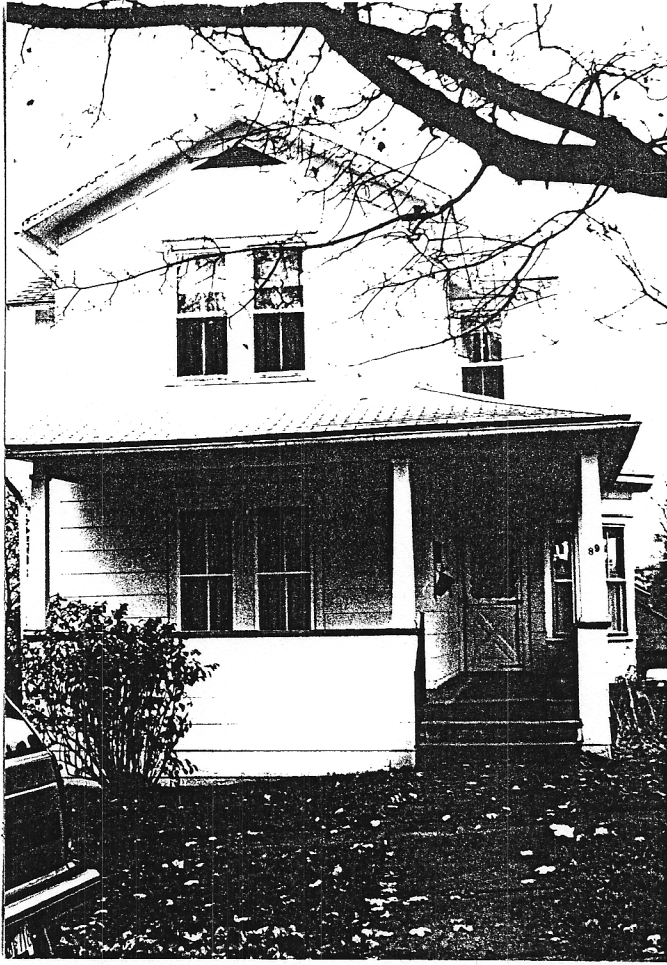
Map of Corning. Buffalo: H. Brewer and C.A. Canfield, 1855.

Map of Corning. Corning: Harry C. Heermans, City Engineer, 1893.

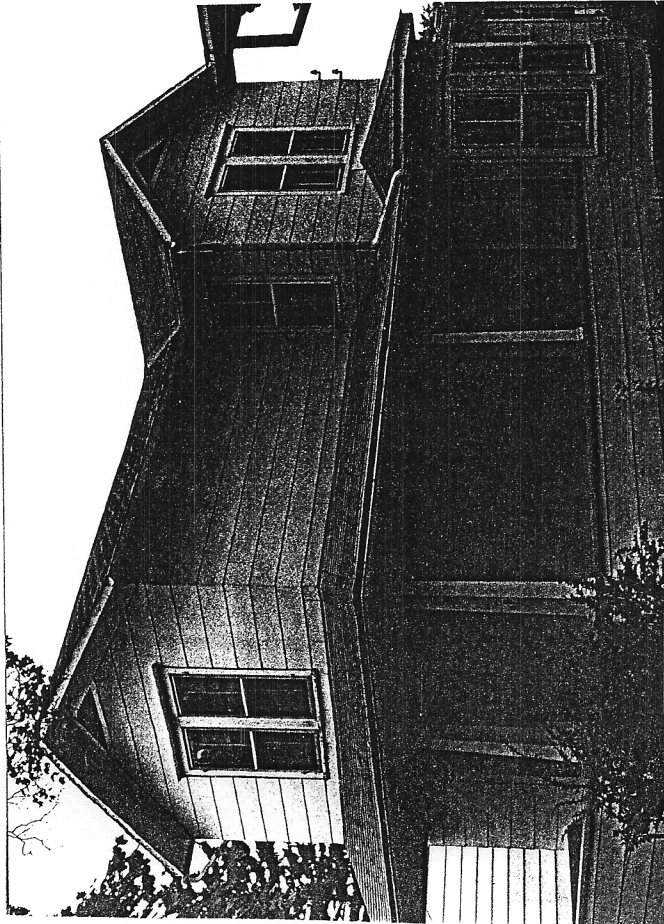
Sanborn Map Company. Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, New York, (1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930, and 1930 revised in 1948).

Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, New York.

## ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



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