

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: 90 West Fifth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Frank D. & Sharon Lynn Portner ADDRESS: 90 West Fifth Street
- 6. USE: Original: single-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):

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:
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. 1910
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:

A 8' x 16' kitchen addition was added to the rear (south) of the house in 1977. No other major alterations are known.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the south side of West Fifth Street between Walnut and Chestnut streets, this house is one of several Queen Anne Style structures on the street. The house is more recent than the surrounding houses. The spacing between this house and the neighboring houses is comparatively very small; the setback is consistent.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This one-and-a-half-story house was built in the Queen Anne Style of architecture. The house, which A Field Guide to American Houses would refer to as a "Free Classic" example of the style, exhibits features of the style such as a steeply-pitched roof, a full-width porch, and classical porch supports. The full-width porch in the front (north) has four round columns rising from the porch rail and a pedimented entry. An open gable with cornice returns dominates the rest of the front facade. The east and west facades each feature a wall dormer with an open gable. A single-story projecting wing with a shed roof is located in the rear (south) of the house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the western half of Lot #2 of Block 73, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. Harry Beck acquired the property from Andrew Frey in 1908 and had the current house built. Andrew Frey was a butcher and buyer who had a store on 24 West Erie Ave. He lived in the house at 88 West Fifth Street. Harry Beck was also a meat cutter, and worked at 70 West Sixth Street.

21. SOURCES:

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