



**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~124 E. First St.~~
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 124 E. First St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ X ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Mary Sincock ADDRESS: 124 E. First St.
- 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 [ X ] other: vinyl siding
- 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 cont... Sh...
- 12. PHOTO:
- 13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
d. developers  e. deterioration   
f. other:
15. RELATED OUT BUILDINGS 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:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

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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: ca. 1830-50

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

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:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicate the dwelling located at 124 East First Street originally consisted of a two-story rectangular block with two one-story wings located on the rear (south) facade of the house. Also indicated are the presence of two porches, one that extends the length of the main (north) facade and one that extends the length of the rear (south) facade. The rear porch was removed between 1908 and 1913 and the front porch was removed after 1930. Between 1898 and 1903 the middle section of the house was increased from one-story to two-stories. The projecting bay on the second floor of the east facade was added about 1908-13. Alterations to this house include vinyl siding, storm windows and the entrance portico. The two-story barn once located at the rear of the property has been removed.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the south side of East First Street, this residence is one of a row of mid-nineteenth century homes. These houses have similar setbacks from the street, but are somewhat inconsistent in their east to west spacing. The plot of land this building sits on was divided between 1893 and 1898; 130 East First Street was constructed on the eastern half circa 1900.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

124 East First Street is an example of a transitional Federal Style/Greek Revival residence found in Corning. The massing is characterized by a two-story rectangular block that is very deep and three bays wide. A one story wing is located on the rear (south) facade of this building. A shallow projecting bay, supported by decorative brackets, is located on the second story of the east facade. The roof is covered in asphalt composition shingles. The original foundation is concealed by concrete, probably added as a repair measure. Federal Style elements of this house include the three-bay symmetrical arrangement of the principal facade, the ridge of the low-pitched roof running parallel to the street, the end wall chimney visible on the west elevation, and the decorative door surround consisting of recessed sidelights. The most prominent surviving Greek Revival element is the cornice returns. The present front-gabled entrance portico likely replaced a one-story porch common in Greek Revival residences. Shutters are present on the main facade.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

124 East First Street is significant as it is likely one of the oldest homes in Corning's Southside neighborhood and for its association with one of Corning's important citizens at the end of the nineteenth century, Frank L. Pease. Frank L. Pease and his wife Clara purchased this house in the 1880s from William H. Jessup, shortly after their marriage in 1878. According to *Landmarks of Steuben County*, Pease was born in Livingston County, New York in 1848 and was raised in Allegheny County. In 1868 he moved to Corning and spent his first three years clerking in a dry goods store and then worked as a traveling salesman for the next seven years. In 1878 he formed the business firm Schenek & Pease with M. Schenek. Pease was town auditor for two terms, village clerk for four years, and the first city clerk. He resided at 124 East Second Street from the 1880s through the first part of the twentieth century.

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