



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: 127-129 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Gerald C. Early ADDRESS: _____
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes - No
Interior accessible: Explain No private residence

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 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:

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11. INTEGRITY (major alterations):

This structure has had two additions attached to the rear (north) facade. The smaller of the two, a one story gable roofed, is on the eastern end, is present on 1888 maps. This features a portico over the entrance on the north end, with turned posts. The window on this facade is a large fixed pane to the west of the door. There is also a window on the east facade, although it was not possible to see what type.

The second addition, present by 1893, is at the western end of the north facade and is two stories with a flat roof. The east facade of this addition has a stacked porch at the south east corner. This addition extends beyond the west end of the original building, with the porches visible from the south.

The styles of the windows on the north facade of the addition vary. The two west windows are one-over-one sash. The lower eastern window is a two-over-two sash, while the one above is a six-over-six sash. There is a door on the second story, just west of the six-over-six, that features a Queen Anne light. There is also a multi-pane double casement on the lower story between the stairs from the door and the lower story one-over-one.

It seems that these additions were not all done at the same time, nor by the same people. As this house has been occupied as two separate units for most of the twentieth century, this is not surprising.

A small pedimented portico, with simple square supports, has been added to the eastern entrance on the main (south) facade, both of the entry doors have also been replaced with metal doors. The house has been clad in shingles.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This structure is situated on the north side of East First Street, which features a variety of architectural styles. The block is dominated by late nineteenth century structures. This Greek Revival Style house is the oldest structure on the north side of the block. Flanked by two larger Queen Anne Style houses with shallower setbacks, this structure is set apart both by style and position on its lot.

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

Although the date of construction could not be determined, this structure is an example of the Greek Revival Style that was popular between 1820 and 1850 in this country. According to A Field Guide to American Houses (McAlester) this style commonly features a low pitch gable roof, a cornice line emphasized with wide band of trim, front door surrounded by narrow sidelights and a rectangular line of transom lights above. Most also feature porches supported by prominent columns, typically of Doric style. The structures commonly featured clapboard siding.

This structure features a low pitch cross-gabled tin roof. The front (south) facing gable is on the western half of the structure. The gable is accented with eave returns, a fan light and a continuous cornice. This wide cornice is continued across the facade. The windows on the south, east and west facades are all one-over-one double-hung sash. The windows on the north facade vary; one-over-one, two-over-two and six-over-six double-hung sash.

There are two entrance on the south facade, the one on the western portion is typical of the Greek Revival Style, featuring a pedimented entablature with square pilasters, sidelights and a narrow transom. The eastern door also features simple pilasters, but there are no sidelights or transom. A pedimented portico with narrow square columns, and a concrete stoop have been added to this entrance.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house, constructed on Lot #13 of Block 43 in Corning, is one of the oldest on the block, although its date of construction cannot be determined at this time. It was also not possible to determine the residents during the nineteenth century, although it is known that between 1898 and 1903 the structure was converted from a single unit dwelling into a two family house. At that time the house number was changed from 127 East First Street to 127-129 East First Street.

From the 1940s through the 1960s the east portion of the structure was occupied by the owner of the entire property. Mrs. Julia Suits was in residence until the mid-1950s, while T. Henry Lawrence lived there until the 1960s.

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21. SOURCES:

Steuben County Deeds; Corning City Directories; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930; Maps of Corning, 1857, 1893.

MAP INFORMATION:

- 1888 - Structure appears with eastern addition. Single dwelling, noted as 127 East First Street.
- 1893 - Western addition in place. Single dwelling
- 1903 - Structure now shown as a two unit dwelling, and house number becomes 127-129 East First Street.
- 1908 - Same as 1903.

CITY DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

- 1925 - 127 - James Bacalles, confectionery, 6 West Market Street.
129 - Henry S. Schleif, manager, The Barnard Bake Shop, 13 East Market Street.
- 1947 - 127 - John Mclean, mason, and Mrs. Charlotte Hubell nurse, Corning Hospital.
129 - Mrs. Julia Suits, owner, widow.
- 1958 - 127 - Thomas Castellana, employee, Corning Glass Works.
129 - T. Henry Lawrence, owner, retired plumber.



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