



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
UNIQUE SITE NO.	_____
QUAD	_____
SERIES	_____
NEG. NO.	_____

YOUR NAME: S. Elspeth Stanfield DATE: 7/13/92

YOUR ADDRESS: 201 Maple Ave., Ithaca TELEPHONE: 256-3530

ORGANIZATION (if any): Cornell University

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE: _____
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 137 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Wm. O'Hara ADDRESS: 137 East First Street
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes - No
Interior accessible: Explain not 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): _____

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

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17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house is situated on the north side of East First Street, which features a variety of architectural styles. This particular block is predominated by late nineteenth century structures. This structure was constructed during the 1930s, and the resulting house is a different style than its neighbors. The setback of this residence is also somewhat deeper than its neighbors.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

Built ca. 1925, 137 East First Street was constructed in the Colonial Revival Style popular during the first half of this century. According to *A Field Guide to American Houses* (McAlester), the style was inspired by early English colonial architecture, but was not always true to the original.

This structure is clad in horizontal wood clapboards. The main (south) facade is basically symmetrical although there is a side porch on the east end. The porch is a common feature of Colonial Revival Style. The central doorway is emphasized by a pedimented portico, with fluted Doric columns supporting the outer corners and fluted pilasters to either side of the door. The windows are nine-over-one-light double-hung sash, with the following exceptions: the small paired window above the entrance has six-over-one double-hung sash, and the porch windows are multi-light casements. The main facade also features shutters with quarter moon cut-outs. The three secondary facades are much simpler, with few decorative elements.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The current structure sits upon Lot # 15 of Block 43 in Corning. There was a different building on this site previous to the construction of this residence. While it is unknown what the earlier building looked like, it was used as a boarding house from the turn of the century until 1910. From that time until 1923 the building was occupied by a series of men, usually two at a time. Leonard B. Elliott purchased the property in 1924. As a dentist with offices at 33 West Market Street, it was appropriate for Elliott to build a home in the popular Colonial Revival Style of the time.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE (continued):

Between 1939 and 1945 John M. Burke (retired) lived in the home. Since that time William O'Hara has owned the property and resided in the house.

21. SOURCES:

Steuben County Deeds; Corning City Directories; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1921, 1930.

MAP INFORMATION:

1921 - Sanborn Map - Previous structure shown.

1930 - Sanborn Map - current structure appears.

CITY DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

1903-10 - Mrs. Joie Hill listed in Directories as running a boarding house.

1911-12 - Samuel W. Darrin, clerk for J. W. Darrin Furniture and Upholstery, 23-25 W. Market Street.

1915-17 - Samuel W. Darrin and William Thomas. Darrin is still listed as a clerk, while Thomas is a station engineer.

1919-20 - William Fish, glass worker, and Frank Walters, a barber.

1925 - Leonard B. Elliott, dentist with offices at 33 W. Market.

1937 - Same as 1925.

1939 - John M. Burke, retired.

1944 - Same as 1939.

1947-92 - William O'Hara, Quality Specialty Co.



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