



# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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## IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~140 E. First St.~~
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 140 E. First St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ X ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Thomas Dimitroff
- 6. USE: Original: Single family residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [ X ] No [ ]  
Interior accessible: Yes [ ] No [ X ] Explain: Private residence

VILLAGE:

← ADDRESS: 140 E. First St.  
Present: Single family residence

## DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL
  - a. clapboard [ X ] 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 [ X ]
  - c. masonry load bearing walls [ ]
  - d. metal (explain)
  - e. other
- 10. CONDITION:
  - a. excellent [ X ] b. good [ ] c. fair [ ] d. deteriorated [ ]
- 11. INTEGRITY:
  - a. original site [ X ] b. moved [ ] if so, when?
  - c. list major alterations and dates (if known): SCS
- 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: 1905

← ARCHITECT: Unknown

← BUILDER: E. W. Warner

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:

The house currently located at 140 East First Street was built in 1905 and replaced an earlier structure. A new garage was built at the rear of the property after the two-story carriage barn was destroyed in the 1972 Flood.

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/early twentieth century homes. These houses have similar setbacks from the street, but are somewhat inconsistent in their east to west spacing. Many of the residences on this block were homes of doctors and often contained office space. 140 East First Street is one of the most elaborate residences in the neighborhood.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

Constructed in 1905, this house is an eclectic mix of both the Queen Anne and Neoclassical Revival styles. The overall form of the building consists of a central rectangular two-and-a-half-story block with a three-story tower in the northeast corner of the main (north) facade. The building is sheathed in wood clapboarding and set on a coursed stone foundation. The slate roof is enhanced with ornate terra cotta roof cresting. The Neoclassical Revival style elements include the full-height two-story entrance porch, and a classical pediment accentuated by dentil blocks and supported by two large Ionic columns. The porch extends across the front of the house and wraps around the east side of the building following the curve of the tower. While the overall arrangement of the main facade is asymmetrical the door and entry are centrally placed. Queen Anne elements include the three-story tower topped by an onion dome, bay windows, patterned shingles, the two decorated brick chimneys and the irregular roof shape. The windows are double-hung sash.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Lot 7 in Block 42, was originally purchased February 1, 1851, by Jason R. Spaulding from Erastus Corning and Joseph Fellows for the sum of \$200. From 1893 to 1895, Edwin Spaulding, the son of Jason Spaulding is listed as residing here. In 1901 Charles H. Tong was listed as living at 140 East First Street. On April 25, 1905, Charles H. Almy purchased this parcel of land from Jason R. Spaulding's

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE, continued:

descendants for the sum of \$3,625.00. Almy was listed as living here in the 1905 Corning City Directory. On May 17, 1905, *The Evening Leader* reported that "Excavation was commenced yesterday on the lot at No. 142 East First Street for C.H. Almy's residence. E.W. Warner has the contract for erecting a house which will cost approximately \$7,000." The October 19, 1905 edition of *The Evening Leader* stated, "...East First Street - Owner, C.H. Almy, 10 room house. Occupy himself. Latest improvements. Completed about January 1, 1906. Contractor, E.W. Warner." Almy occupied the house until he and his wife sold it to William T. and Ida B. Smith on October 18, 1919. Almy and Smith were both involved with the Corning Building Company. After the death of both William and Ida Smith, the house was sold to Dr. Thomas Dimitroff and his wife, Phyllis, on August 12, 1952, for the sum of \$26,000. The house was passed on to the Dimitroffs' son, Thomas P. Dimitroff, and his family in 1981.

21. SOURCES:

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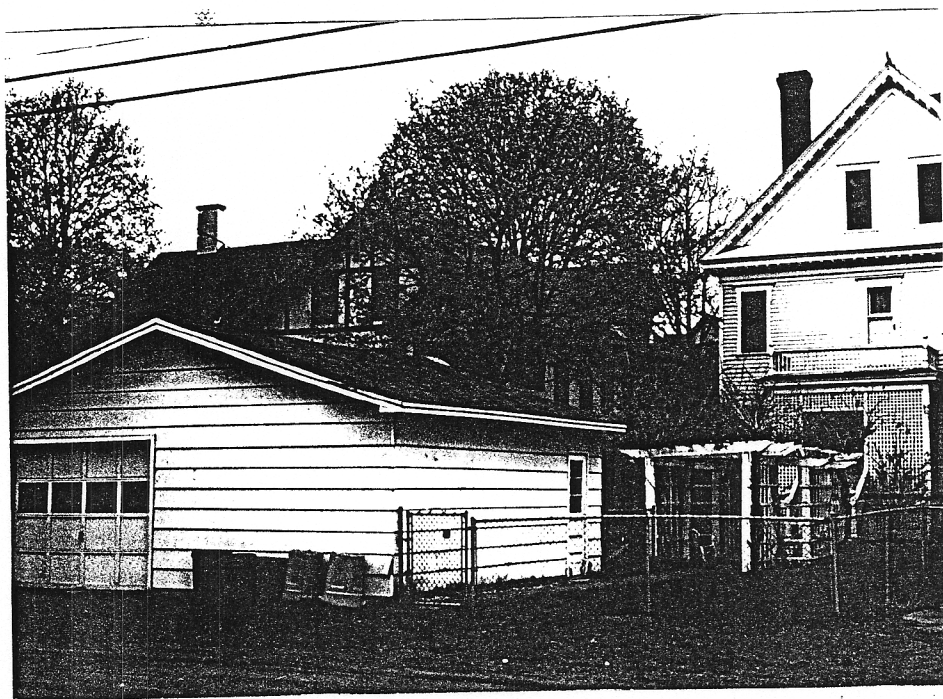
21. SOURCES, continued:

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① personal discussions w/  
Mr. Dimitroff ②



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