



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation Planning Workshop, Cornell University

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~144 E. First St.~~
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 144 E. First St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Corning Hospital, Inc.
- 6. USE: Original: Single family residence

VILLAGE:

← ADDRESS: 176 Denison Parkway East
Present: Doctor's Office

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [X] No []
Interior accessible: Yes [X] No [] Explain: First floor office only

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):
- 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)
- 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. 1850-70

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicate that the building has undergone many changes. The 1893 map indicates various wings extending to the rear of the property. Most of these were removed by 1921. The greatest change occurred in 1915-17 when a two-story section of the building was disconnected and moved to the rear of the property to create the residence at 161 Chemung Street. The most recent alterations are vinyl siding, storm windows, the change to the door way and the one-story wing located off the west facade.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north 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. Many of the residences on this block were homes of doctors and often contained office space, as this house did in 1898. Today many of the homes on this block have been converted to doctors' offices due to the close location of Corning Hospital.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

144 East First Street is an example of an Italianate Style residence. This style was popular in Corning from 1850 to 1890. The overall form of the house is characterized by a central two-story square block. A slightly smaller two-story wing is located off the rear (south) facade. A one-story ell is located off the south facade of this wing. There is a small one-story wing located on the west facade of the central block. The symmetrically organized facade is three bays wide. Originally sheathed in wood clapboarding set on a coursed stone foundation, it is now covered in vinyl siding. The windows are six-over-six double-hung sash. Originally a one-story porch ran the length of the facade, this was replaced by a one-story entrance portico between 1913 and 1921. The present doorway most likely replaced paired doors and a transom light, common Italianate features. Other Italianate elements found on this building include the hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves supported by ornately carved paired brackets, the tall, narrow windows found on the first floor, along with modified segmented arch lintels. Another noteworthy feature is the decorative brick chimney.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Stephen T. Hayt, one of the most prominent citizens of Corning in the last half of the nineteenth century is listed as living at 144 East First Street in the 1872-73 and 1874-75 Elmira & Corning City Directories, but it is likely he had been living here before that date. Hayt was born in Patterson, New York on June 25, 1823. He moved to Corning in 1833 with his parents and continued to live in the city throughout his lifetime. In his early career he was extensively involved in mercantile and lumbering interests and since 1869 he was involved with the milling business, as he owned Southern Tier Flouring Mills, which had the capacity to produce 175 barrels per day in the late 1860s. He was involved in local politics and held various town and country offices. In 1863 and 1865 he was elected to the Senate. From 1866 to 1869 he served as the canal commissioner. In 1866 Hayt was a delegate to the National Republican Convention. He lived at 144 East First Street until his death in 1908. After his death, his son J. Towner Hayt, continued to live at this address until 1914. In 1915-1916 no one is listed as living here. Between 1915 and 1917 Daniel C. Rogers purchased the property and removed a section of the house relocating it at the rear of the property and subdivided the lot, creating the house at 161 Chemung Street. The following year he sold 144 East First Street to Harry Ecker and moved into 161 Chemung Street. Today the building is owned by Corning Hospital and is used as a doctor's office.

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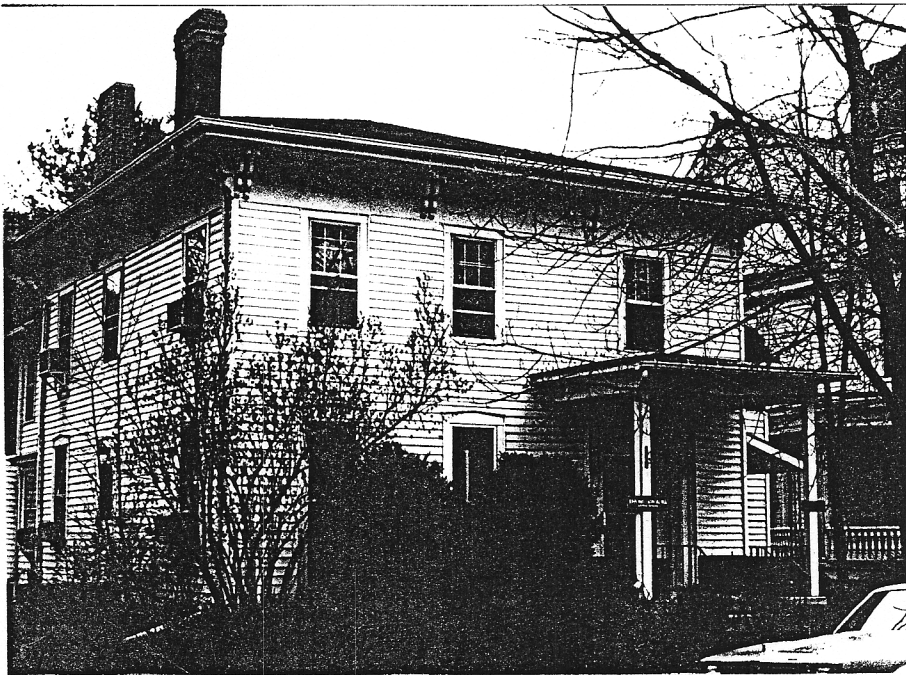
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