

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: 28 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Chowning Regulator Corp. ADDRESS: 165 Cedar Street, Corning, NY 14830
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 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 [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 [] 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)

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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: between 1898 and 1903

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This building is situated on the south side of East First Street between other large nineteenth century homes. The area has a mix of residential, ecclesiastical, and commercial uses. This lot has a slight slope to it and terminates at the alley which bisects the block. The house has deeper setback than neighboring buildings and has been placed in the center (east to west) of the lot.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF THE BUILDING AND SITE:

Executed in the Colonial Revival Style, this impressive structure borrows decorative motifs from several historic periods and form an ordered yet eclectic design. The Colonial Revival Style was popular between 1880-1940.

The three-family residence is cubic in form and topped by a hipped roof with closed and open gabled dormers. Windows types are highly varied and include Palladian, Queen Anne, lunette, stained glass, casements, and one-over-one double hung sash. The most notable architectural features of the building include a bowed porch supported by Ionic columns with a full entablature on the north facade, a projecting bay window on the second floor above the doorway, a central projecting dormer with a Palladian-style window, and two smaller dormers which are flanked by Ionic pilasters. The rear of the house is made up of a projecting wing with an attached a one-story modern addition. The modern addition features a bowed glazed gable above casement windows and skylights. The addition is topped by a roof form which extends outward further at the peak than at the eaves. A large three car garage with a gambrel roof is found on the alley side of the property. The garage appears to have been recently constructed.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The current structure on this property first appeared on the 1903 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, therefore it can be assumed that the house was built between 1898 and 1903 as the earlier map shows a building with a different footprint. Because the property remained in the same family through the

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED):

construction of the new house a specific date for the house was inaccessible through deed research.

The 1893 map of the City of Corning shows the owner of the property as J. H. Cochran. The Corning City Directory of the same year indicates that James H. Cochran was dead and his widow, Annis, and son, Dwight, were residents. The 1874-75 Corning City and Painted Post Directory listed James H. Cochran as the a coal dealer. The Cochran's remained at this address until 1917, when the city directory shows Fred M. Githler and Frank H. Suits as the occupants.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Steuben County Deeds; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908; Maps of Corning, 1857, 1893; Assessment Records, Corning City and Painted Post Directory 1874-75.



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