

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: 32 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public[] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: N.L. Schwartzman ADDRESS: 32 East First Street
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence, commercial
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes[X] No[]

Interior accessible: no

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[] b. moved[] if so, when?
 - c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

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12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known[X] 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[X] e. commercial[]
f. industrial[] g. residential[X]
h. other:
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1870

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11. INTEGRITY

North facade porch alteration ca. 1888-93; addition to south facade, bay addition to north facade ca. 1893-98; porch addition to south facade ca. 1898-1903; removal of porch on south facade, addition to south facade ca. 1903-08; balcony addition to south facade post 1930.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the south side of East First Street, this residence is one of a row of nineteenth and twentieth century homes of various styles. These houses have varying setbacks from the street and are fairly consistent in their east to west spacing.

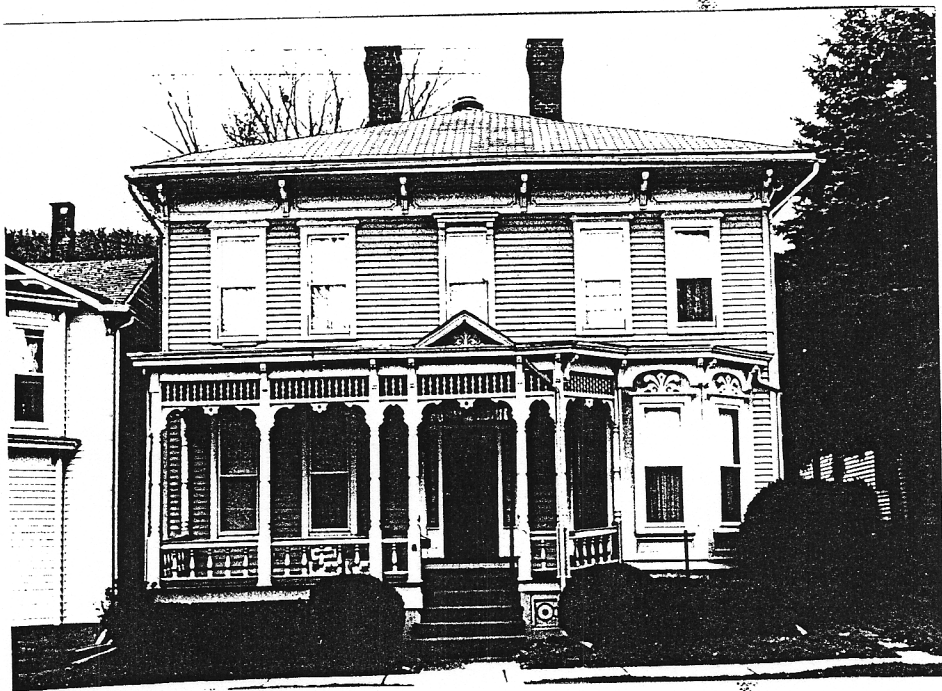
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This house is designed in the Italianate style of architecture. As noted in A Field Guide to American Houses (McAlester), the residence's identifying features include: two stories; a five-ranked principle facade; a low-pitched, pyramidal roof with widely overhanging eaves having decorative brackets beneath; and tall, narrow windows.

Both stories of 32 East First Street are covered with clapboards. The first story of the principle facade exhibits an apse-like bay, a Queen Anne style porch detailed with extensive spindlework, brackets, and a small gable with incised ornament, and a recessed entry doorway with full transom and side lights. The second story of the principle facade boasts a frieze which is decorated in relief with rectangular panels. In addition, a pair of brick chimneys stem from the center of the pyramidal roof and are symmetrically balanced with the principle facade.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

From 1893-1927, 32 East First Street was occupied by Dr. Thomas A. McNamara, a physician and surgeon who operated a medical practice and lived on site. In 1947, Dr. McNamara was on staff at the Corning Hospital. The custom of Corning physicians running medical practices in structures on East First Street was common throughout the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and in many instances still occurs in the Southside neighborhood today. This house is presently occupied by Dr. N.L. Schwartzman, optometrist, who operates a medical practice on site.



← 32 E. 1st