

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: 34 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public[] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Dominic and Jean Asiello ADDRESS: 38 East First Street
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes[X] No[]

Interior accessible: no, private residence

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL
 - a. clapboard[] b. stone[] c. brick[] d. board & batten[]
 - e. cobblestone[] f. shingles[] g. stucco[]
 - other: aluminum 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[] 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: animal stables
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:

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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

Apse-like bay addition to front facade ca. 1893-98; south porch addition ca. 1903-08; southernmost portion of building removed post 1930; aluminum siding applied to entire house; foundation covered with concrete; aluminum windows and doors installed. Some records of structural alterations/additions are available at the City of Corning Building Department.

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, rectangular, block-like massing of the northern half of the building; a low-pitched roof with overhanging eaves having decorative brackets beneath; and tall, narrow windows on the second story.

Both stories are covered in aluminum siding. The principle, north facade exhibits a two-story, apse-like bay. The bay is highlighted by a cross gable which is ornamented with cross bracing incorporated into a sunburst motif.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

From 1903-05, 34 East First Street was occupied by Dr. John G. Webster, a physician and surgeon who operated a medical practice and lived on site. Another physician, Horace E. Auringer, lived at 34 East First Street and practiced as a chiropractor at the same address from 1924-44. The custom of Corning physicians taking residence and running medical practices in buildings on East First Street was common throughout the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and in many instances still occurs in the Southside Neighborhood today.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930; Corning Fire Department Maps, 1852, 1893.



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