

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: 38 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[X] 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[X]  
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[X]   b. zoning[ ]   c. roads[ ]  
                                  d. developers[ ]   e. deterioration[ ]  
                                  f. other:
15. RELATED OUT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
                                  a. barn[ ]   b. carriage house[ ]   c. garage[X]  
                                  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:  
  
          See Continuation Sheet
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:  
  
          See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1940

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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38 East First Street  
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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 a member of the gable-front family of the American folk style of architecture. As noted in A Field Guide to American Houses (McAlester), the residence's identifying features include: a narrow, block-like mass with a steeply-pitched front-gabled roof.

Both stories are executed in brick. The principle, north facade of the house is highlighted by a bay window, a recessed entry with a door surround decorated with pilaster strips, and a small porch composed of a copper roof and doric columns. The building's foundation and window sills are concrete.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The current residence replaced a wood house which was damaged by fire and consequently demolished in 1939.

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; Personal interview, Dominic Asiello, 1992.