BUILDING-STRUCTURE DIVISION FOR HISTORIC NEW YORK STATE PARI ALBANY, NEW YORK (C PRESERVATION KS AND RECREATION	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY M UNIQUE SITE NO. QUAD SERIES NEG. NO.
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ORGANIZATION (i	f any): Cornell University	
 COUNTY: Steub STREET LOCAT OWNERSHIP: a PRESENT OWN USE: Original: 	ME(S): White Birch Becton TOW MION: 69 East First Street. Description: Description of the property of the pro	N/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
DESCRIPTION 8. BUILDING MAT	TERIAL: a. clapboard e. cobblestor	[X]b. stone []c. brick []d. board & batten []ne []f. shingles []g. stucco []other:
9. STRUCTURAL	b. wood fran	ne with interlocking joints [] ne with light members [X] oad bearing walls [] olain)
10. CONDITION:	a. excellent [X] b.	good [] c. fair [] d. deteriorated []
11. 'INTEGRITY:		b. moved [] if so, when? ons 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 OUTBUILDINGS AND	D PROPERTY: a. barn [] b. carriage house [X] c. garage [] d. privy [] e. shed [] f. greenhouse [] g. shop [] h. gardens [] i. landscape features j. other:	
	16.	SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUIL	DING (check more than one if necessary): a. open land [] b. woodland [] c. scattered buildings [] d. densely built-up [] e. commercial [X] f. industrial [] g. residential [X] h. other:	
	17.	. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS: (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)		
		See Continuation She	eet	
	18.	OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES (Including interior features in		
		See Continuation She	eet	
SIGNIFICANCE 19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1865				
		ARCHITECT:		
		BUILDER:		
	20.	HISTORICAL AND ARCHITEC	TURAL IMPORTANCE:	
		See Continuation Sh	eet	
	21.	SOURCES:		
		See Continuation Sh	eet	

22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

A one-story wraparound porch on the south and east facades was removed after 1948.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of East First Street, this residence stands out as an attractive mid-nineteenth century house with distinguishable Italianate-style features. These houses have somewhat similar setbacks, interrupted by a larger setback of the property situated in 77 East First Street. The east to west spacing is inconsistent.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

Designed in the Italianate Style, this structure displays the low-pitched, hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves supported by paired, decorative brackets, and the tall narrow windows associated with the style. It has a simple, two-story massing composed of two cube forms intersecting along one edge. The main (south) entrance, asymmetrically placed on the east end of the facade, is notable for its decorative Greek Revival-style surround with sidelights and a toplight. Other important features are three brick chimneys, one-overone double-hung sash and decorative molded lintels over the windows. The east facade has a one-story, projecting bay window with a flat roof. The structure is covered in clapboard siding and is set on a stone foundation. There is a large carriage house on the property.

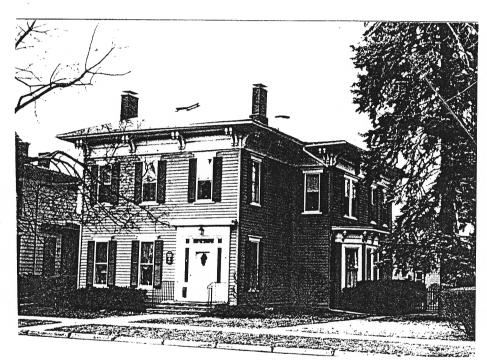
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Originally a section of lot #12 on Block #48, this parcel of land was first acquired by Samuel C. Robertson, Catherine Robertson, Joseph Fellows and Nelson Davis as joint owners. The first owner of the building was probably Oscar W. Bump from Pennsylvania, who is said to have built this house as a summer house. He was the owner and treasurer of the Butler Mine Co. of Pennsylvania. He died in the early 1900s and his sister-in-law, Ethalaide, inherited the house. In 1924 Gertrude B. Bump received ownership of the house. Probably around 1925, she sold the house to Aaron F. Williams. Williams did not occupy the house but sold it to another prominent figure in Corning, Mr. Justin V. Purcell, who lived there from 1929 to 1942. Purcell was a lawyer with offices in the First National Bank and Trust Company Building, and served as Secretary of the Steuben Coal & Supply Company, and president-treasurer of Purcell Motor Co. Between 1942 and 1958 the house was owned and occupied by J. Norman Reilly, assistant to the president of Corning Glass Works. In subsequent years, until 1985, the property was used as rectory for Christ Episcopal Church (formerly known as Rector of Wordens & Vestrymen of Christ Church). Among the recent owners of the property is Francis L. Gehl. Joseph G. Donahue is the current owner.

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21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Tax Assessment Files City Hall of Corning; Steuben County Deeds; Historical Society of Corning; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930; Maps of Corning 1857 and 1893.



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