

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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FOR OFFICE USE \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG.NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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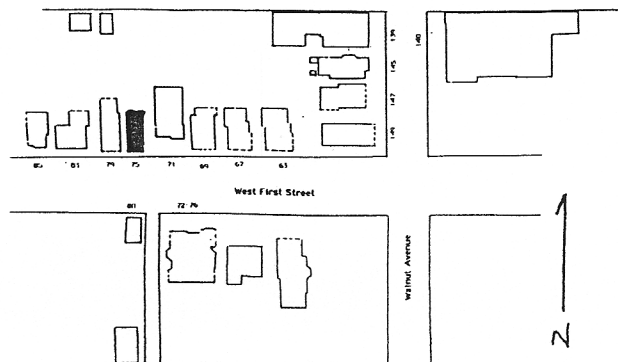
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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 75 West First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Elmer & Elizabeth Jolly ADDRESS: 75 West First Street, Corning
- 6. USE: Original: Private Residence Present: Single Family Residence
- 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 [ ] b. stone [ ] c. brick [ ] d. board & batten [ ]  
e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [ ] g. stucco [ ] other: asphalt shingles
- 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):

See Continuation Sheet

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1888-1893.

ARCHITECT: Unknown.

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11. INTEGRITY:

This building was constructed between 1888 and 1893. It is situated directly above the previous location of the outfall of Monkey Run Creek on the north side of West First Street and, based upon review of the Sanborn maps, appears to have been moved a few feet from its original position on the lot, in line with the creek's course, to the present location, parallel with West First Street. The Sanborn maps from 1903, 1908 and 1913 all show this house located askew to the course of West First Street. Before 1903 and after 1913 the house is shown with its front facade parallel to West First Street. Due to the fact that three different Sanborn maps illustrate this different location for the house, it is probable that such a relocation did occur.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This side of West First Street in the block to the northwest of Courthouse Park is characterized by a scattering of houses on the parcels. The setbacks along this north side of West First Street are relatively consistent. In addition, while there is a similarity in form of many of the buildings on this block, the styling and materials are different enough so as to minimize the coherency of the block as a whole. Only one of the buildings on this side of the street dates from 1857 or earlier, unlike the other side of West First Street. Finally, there is a church in this row of residences that further adds to the feeling that this varied enclave of structures is like a small neighborhood, separate from the park to the southeast and the commercial areas to the north and east. The hilly terrain further serves to isolate this neighborhood from its surroundings.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story front gabled Folk Victorian house has staggered asphalt shingling on all of its facades. The two-bay front facade is flanked by a shed roofed porch on the east side. The roof is covered with a polychromatic composition shingle roof. The massing of the house has not changed since it was built but the wraparound porch on the front of the house was removed after 1948.

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE, continued:

There are no outbuildings on the site.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Elizabeth Miller, widow of John Miller, owned this property in 1893. There are no Millers in town in the 1870s nor is Elizabeth in Corning in 1895. The house was constructed while the Millers owned the property.

The present house replaced a previous house on the same lot that predated 1888. The 1893 Heermans map indicates that this lot and 75 West First were both owned by Mrs. Miller in 1893. This map shows that the lot was already subdivided at that time so that the division of the property, based upon this map, did not occur until after she sold it by 1895.

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