

**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: *Stauben* TOWN/CITY: *Corning* VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: *77 East First Street*
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: *Raymond T. Schaller* ADDRESS: *895 Delavan Street*
- 6. USE: Original: *Residential* Present: *Rental units (5 units)*
- 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 [X] b. stone [ ] c. brick [ ] d. board & batten [ ]  
e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [X] 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 [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)

See Continuation Sheet

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

(Including interior features if known):

See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: year 1865, Tax Assesment's Files estimation

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES

- c.1. Between 1898 and 1903 a one-story porch was attached to the north facade.
- c.2. According to Sanborn maps, between 1903 and 1908 the house was moved to the center of its lot and a symmetrical front gable and central entrance were added. The porch was modified as well (extending to the east facade) and the one-story structure attached to the north facade.
- c.3. Remodeled from six to five apartments in 1964 (information obtained through current owner and building permit.). The garage was demolished in this same year. Other unspecified remodelling occurred in 1950, possibly the subdivision into 6 apartments.
- c.4. Removal of the shutters located on the windows of the second floor - main facade - at an unknown date.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of East First Street, this residence stands out as one of the largest properties in the block. Also is distinguished by its larger setback and west to east spacing on the east side of the building. The symmetrically designed landscaping of the front garden enhances its architectural features. This is an interesting piece of architecture which exhibits the typical eclecticism of styles common in growing northeastern cities during the late nineteenth century.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

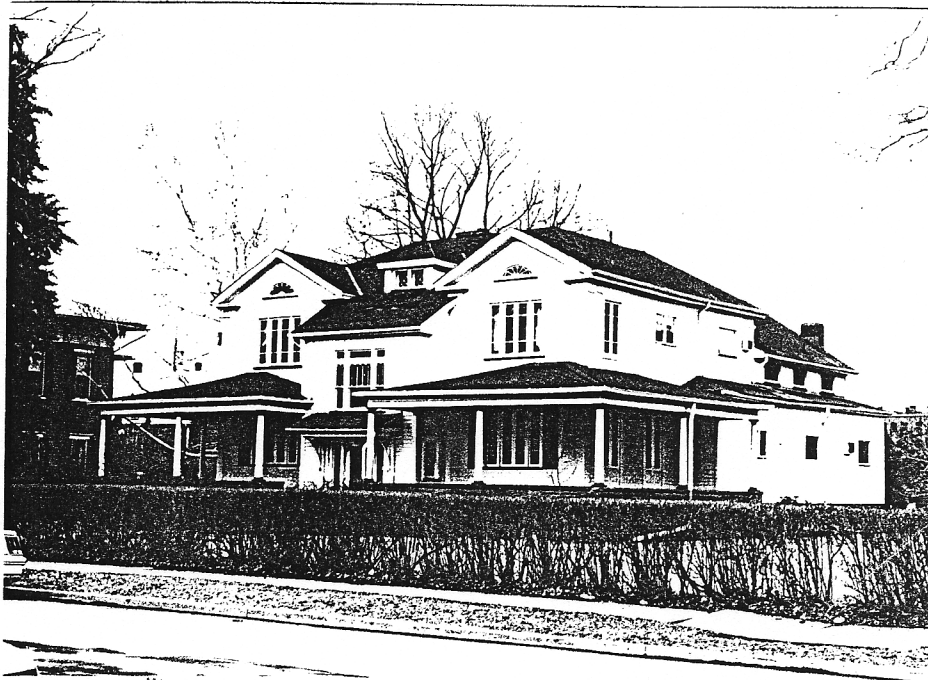
77 East Street is a massive structure with numerous classically derived architectural features. The complexity of its massing connects it to the Queen Anne Style, whereas the ornamentation reflects the Colonial Revival Style. Set under a low-pitched hipped roof, this two story residence has two gable-roofed projecting bays to the east and west sides with as shed-roofed central projecting bay between them. The main (south) entrance is located in this central bay beneath a hooded overhang resting on metal brackets. One-story porches are attached to the front and side facades of the east and west projecting bays. The porch columns are simple classical elements and there is no balustrade or porch railing. The porch is set atop a foundation of coursed sandstone and its roof is a shallow hipped form. The numerous windows of the building are usually grouped in pairs or banded together in larger combinations. Above the central bay at the roof level is a pent roof dormer with Queen Anne diamond pane sash. A wide cornice board follows the eaves of the roof and the gable ends, forming delicate returns on the front (south) facade. Lunette windows are positioned in the gable ends. The structure has clapboard siding and an asphalt shingle roof.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Originally a part of Lot # 13 and 14 on Block # 48 this parcel was first acquired by William E. Gorton, who lived in this house until his death in 1933. William E. Gorton Sr. (1854-1933) was an immigrant and a pioneer inducted into the Steuben County Hall of Fame. He was the founder of Corning Iron Works and Gorton Chocolate Co. He was elected first mayor of the City of Corning when it was incorporated March 20, 1890. Very active in scouting he was the first president of the Steuben Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Additionally he was largely responsible for the development of Camp Gorton, named in his honor. A native of the village of Corning, he graduated from of Corning Free Academy in 1873, eventually becoming a medical doctor. In 1936 the house was occupied by Frederick R. Payne and during the '40s by William E. Gorton Jr., president of Gorton Chocolate Co. and one of Corning's patriotic sons during the First World War. Recent owners of the property were G. Thomas and Ethal Payne. Raymond T. Schaller is the current owner (since 1963).

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Tax Assesment Files City Hall of Corning; Bath 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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