

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

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DATE: May 13, 1992

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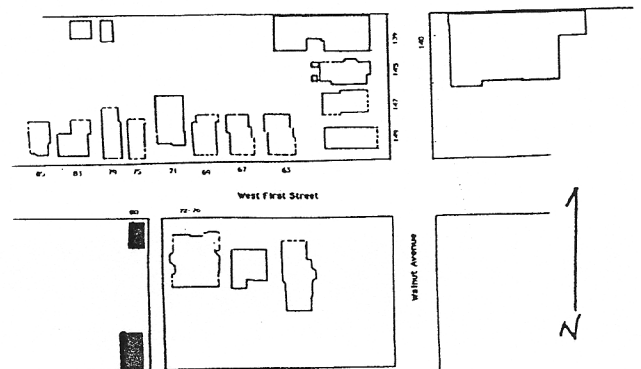
ORGANIZATION (if any): Cornell University

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S)
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 80 West First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: City of Corning ADDRESS: Denison Parkway, Corning
- 6. USE: Original: Voting Booth Present: Voting Booth
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Yes  No  Explain: Government Use

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  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   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain)  
e. other
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? The booth was shifted forward (north) on the site on two separate occasions (between 1898 and 1903, and between 1903 and 1908).  
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):

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1893-1898.

ARCHITECT: Unknown.

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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11. INTEGRITY:

Built between 1893 and 1898, there appear to have been no additions made to the structure since its construction. Two barns were subsequently created on this parcel, one ca. 1908-1913 and the other one, which no longer exists, ca. 1913-1921.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The south side of West First Street in the block to the west of Courthouse Park is characterized by larger houses than those on the north side of the street. The structures to the east of the former location of the now-channelized Monkey Run Creek are all large houses set on large lots. Many of these parcels in Block 77 were developed prior to 1857. This voting booth was built after much of this side of West First Street was already developed.

There is no consistent setback among the houses on the south side of this block of West First St nor is there a common theme in architectural styles either.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This simple front gabled single story structure is covered with wood clapboards and composition shingle roofing. The gable end is covered with the fishscale wood shingles and the dual two window openings on the West First Street facade are boarded up. There is no chimney on the booth.

The barn sited on the rear of the property is covered with parallel courses of unpainted wood shingles and has sheets of asphalt roofing on its gambrel shape. There are two pairs of barn doors on the facade that looks out onto Gaiss Lane and there is a small parking lot situated on the parcel between the voting booth and the barn.

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## 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Built on the west bank of Monkey Run Creek between 1893 and 1898, the voting booth has been used as such since the original construction date, except for a period (ca. 1913) when it was being used as a cobbler's shack. As noted above, there were no changes to the structure since it was built but there have been two relocations of the booth on the site, each time to a location north of the original location. One relocation occurred between 1898 and 1903 and the other between 1903 and 1908.

Owned by the City of Corning, the building is listed in the tax records as being a "Voting booth and barn."

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