

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: *Marisa Lopez*  
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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: *Stauben* TOWN/CITY: *Coming* VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: *91 East First Street*
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: *Gretchen R. Cowley* ADDRESS: *91 East First Street*
- 6. USE: Original: *Residential* Present: *Residential*
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Yes  No  Explain: *Private Residence*

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board & batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: *Vinyl siding*
- 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?  
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. bam  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):

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1907, as per estimate of the Tax Assesment files

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

- c. 1. Divided into 3 units at an unknown date (probably after 1941), according to information extracted from City Directories of Corning.
- c. 2. Porch and balcony removed from the main facade at an unknown date. It was a full-width, one-story porch supported by Ionic columns. It was replaced by a one-story entrance porch with flat roof.
- c. 3. Removal of bay window from the west facade at an unknown date.
- c. 4. April 10, 1967, building permit for addition of a one-story wood awning - 14' by 18' - attached to the north facade, and facing Wall Street. Roof for the second floor porch. Estimated cost of \$300.
- c. 5. New aluminum sash on the windows. Vinyl siding on the exterior walls.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the northwest corner of East First and Wall streets, this house is one of a series of buildings on the block and which exhibit Queen Anne-style features of architecture. These buildings are examples of different variations within the style. These houses have similar setbacks but the north to south spacing is narrower in this part of the block.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

A Dutch Colonial Revival-style structure, this is a rectangularly shaped building with a two-story crossing gambrel roof. The gambrel gable end serves as the major design element of the main (south) facade on East First Street. The recessed entrance is asymmetrically placed at the southwest corner of this main (south) facade, and is sheltered by a flat roof entry porch supported by paired columns. The Wall Street facade is dominated by the cross gambrel with hipped dormers to each side. Beneath the cross gambrel, at the first story level, is a hexagonal bay window. The house has a variety of window types, including diamond pane two-over-two and one-over-one double-hung sash, either singly or in pairs. There is a one-story addition on the north facade.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Originally a part of Lot #16 on Block #48 this parcel of land was first acquired, at an unknown date prior to 1887, by Mrs. B. W. Payne, who was also the owner of lots 14 and 15 of this same block. In this same year Lot # 16 was sold to Sarah R. Payne who

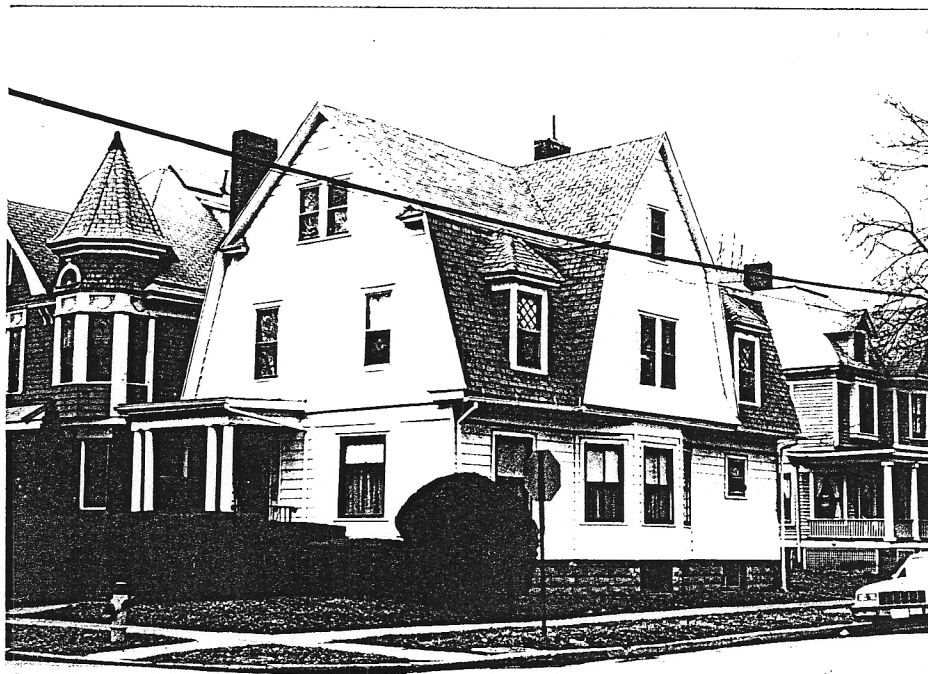
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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE (continued):

re-sold it during the year to Helen A. Payne and Sarah K. Payne as joint tenants. Development started in 1905 when the parcel was sold to Frank J. Saxton and Jeannette Saxton. They divided the land into 4 parcels, two of them facing East First Street and the other two facing Wall Street. The parcel on the corner of East First and Wall streets, facing East First Street, is the property known as 91 East First Street. Probably the first occupant and owner of the building was Dennis M. Driscoll, who lived in the house until 1920. Later various families would occupy the house. Among them was Thomas F. O'Bryan who occupied the property during the late '20s. He was a member of the Navy during World War I and was noted as being one of the efficient young Corning men in the service.

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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