

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: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 102 East Fourth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Keith & Wynton Norvel ADDRESS: Same as above
- 6. USE: Original: single-family 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 [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):
See Continuation Sheet
- 12. PHOTO: 13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
d. developers e. deterioration
f. other:
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
g. shop h. gardens
i. landscape features: See Continuation Sheet
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:

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: ca. 1910

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

There was a different house on this property until at least 1908. Between 1908 and 1913, that house was turned 90 degrees counterclockwise and moved to the southern half of the lot. Between those same years, the present house was constructed. The current structure has not been altered in any major way throughout its entire history. The garage was added immediately to the south of the house after 1948. A six-foot-high wooden fence was constructed around the rear (south) of the property in 1989.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house is located on the southeast corner of East Fourth and Wall streets. As a corner lot, it combines the topographical features of both these streetscapes. From the frontage on Fourth Street, the house is elevated on a six-foot-high bluff overlooking the street. All of the houses on the south side of East Fourth Street are situated on this bluff. However, viewed from Wall Street, it shares characteristics with other Wall Street homes: on the north facade, three feet of foundation is visible, while less than a foot is visible on the south facade. The structure is consistent with its neighbors in size, east-to-west separation, and setback. Another result of being located on a corner lot is that all four sides of the structure should be visible from public right-of-ways. There is a six-foot-high wood slat fence enclosing the rear (south) and side yards, restricting the views of the house from public rights-of-way.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story structure is essentially a rectangular block with a side-gable roof, designed in the Colonial Revival Style of architecture. It also exhibits a few decorative details of the Queen Anne Style. This house exhibits many of the identifying characteristics of both these styles as presented in the McAlesters' book *A Field Guide to American Houses*.

The main (north) facade is dominated by the full-width porch. While supported by four Tuscan columns, the porch is also decorated with a stick-style rail reminiscent of the Queen Anne stylistic vocabulary. The decorated hood over the main entrance and very wide one-over-one double-hung sash, used in the upper and lower stories, are more characteristic of Colonial Revival Style. Twin dormers are found on the north slope of the side gabled roof; these gabled dormers are decorated with a broken pediment and pilasters on the front surface. A rounded top single-hung sash ornaments the dormer end. There is multi-pane glazing (twelve lights) in the upper sash. An accentuated keystone completes the Colonial Revival decoration in the dormers. However, the wall surfaces of the dormer is clad with wood shingles. This is decidedly Queen Anne in style. The east and west facades feature the gable ends. These gable ends are clad in wood shingles, again Queen Anne, but are pierced by a Colonial Revival three-part Palladian window. Various sized one-over-one double hung sash are used over the west, south, and east facades. The south slope of the roof features a single shed dormer containing an eight-light casement window. At the south end of the east facade there is another entrance. Over this entrance is a simple hood supported by triangular brackets. Above this hood is a cottage window carrying a ten-pane header.

The house sits on an irregularly-coursed, rough-cut sandstone foundation. The first two stories of the house are clad with clapboard siding. The gable ends use rectangular wood shingles instead. The roofing of the house and garage is asphalt shingles. The gable-roofed wood-frame garage rests on a poured concrete foundation. The garage is also clad with clapboard.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the northern third of Lot #5 of Block 39, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. Originally a single house on the entire lot, there are currently three. The first house on the lot was moved from the site of the house now at 102 E. Fourth, to further south on the site. The northern portion of the lot was purchased by William T. Moran from Charles A. Carr in 1908. In the next few years the current house was constructed. William T. Moran was listed as residing in the house in 1913. He was employed as a travelling salesman for C.R. Maltby & Company, a Corning wholesale grocery company. William T. Moran died in 1935, and title of the house was transferred to his daughter, Florence K. Moran. She owned the house until 1941, when it was sold to Charles H. Githler.

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS: (To be attached later)



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102 4th

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attached

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