

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM
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UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

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IDENTIFICATION

. BUILDING NAME(S):
. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
. STREET LOCATION: 110 East Fourth Street
. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
. PRESENT OWNER: Richard E. Rahill ADDRESS: Same as above
. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: single-family residence
. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road Yes[X] No []
Interior accessible: Yes [] No [X] Explain: Private Residence

DESCRIPTION

. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard[] b. stone[] c. brick[] d. board & batten[]
e. cobblestone[] f. shingles[] g. stucco[] other: aluminum siding
. 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
0. CONDITION: a. excellent[.] b. good[X] c. fair[] d. deteriorated[]
1. INTEGRITY: a. original site[X] b. moved[] if so, when?
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
See Continuation Sheet
2. PHOTO: 13. MAP:

4. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known[X] b. zoning[] c. roads[]
d. developers[] e. deterioration[]
f. other:

5. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: a. barn[] b. carriage house[] c. garage[X]
d. privy[] e. shed[] f. greenhouse[]
g. shop[] h. gardens[]
i. landscape features:
j. other:

6. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING: (Check more than one if necessary)
a. open land[] b. woodland[]
c. scattered buildings[X]
d. densely built-up[] e. commercial[]
f. industrial[] g. residential[]
h. other:

7. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

See Continuation Sheet

8. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:
(Including interior features if known):

See Continuation Sheet

IGNIFICANCE

9. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1889

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

1. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

2. THEME:

1c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This structure has remained essentially unchanged throughout most of its history. An outbuilding and porch were removed from the south side of the house between 1908 and 1913. During the two last decades, however, several changes have occurred. In 1975, a garage was constructed at the south of the site, adjacent to the alley, and aluminum siding was installed on the house. In 1983, a two story gabled addition was placed on the rear (south) of the house. A wood deck was constructed in the south yard in 1984. The front porch steps and railings were replaced in 1985.

7. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The houses on the south side of East Fourth Street are elevated on a 10 foot bluff overlooking the street. This structure is situated on that bluff. The structure is consistent with its neighbors in size, east-to-west separation, and setback. One visible difference from the other homes in the area is the grove of mature trees that separates this house from the sidewalk to the north.

8. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story hipped-roof cross-gabled structure exhibits many of the identifying characteristics of the Queen Anne style of architecture as presented in the McAlesters' book *A Field Guide to American Houses*. These include a steeply-pitched roof of irregular shape; a partial or full-width asymmetrical porch, usually one story high and extended long one or both side walls; an asymmetrical facade that avoids plain flat walls through such devices as bays, towers, verhangs, and wall projections; the use of several wall materials of differing textures wherever expanses of planar wall do occur; and decorative multi-light windows.

The front (north) facade is dominated by the two tiered porch. The first story porch is full-width and has a rail reminiscent of Stick Style detailing. The turned support posts are characteristic of Queen Anne detailing. There is an empty pediment positioned over the stairs. The main entrance has a pair of eight-panelled doors, the top panel replaced by decorative leaded-glass windows. The upper story porch is immediately to the west of the side of the front-facing cross-gable. It uses the same rail as the lower story, but in addition, uses decorative brackets. The east half of the front facade is dominated by the front-facing gable. The gable end contains a pair of fifteen-over-one double-hung sash windows. The hipped roof is topped by a faux gable end as ornamentation. This "gable end" is decorated with a circular fixed pane window. The east facade contains a cross gable. The north corner of this projection is canted. The gable end contains a single fifteen-over-one double-hung sash similar to that found in the north gable end. The 1983 addition to the south facade added another cross gable facing south. There is a three-sided glass solarium projecting from the second story. There is a three-part Palladian-derived glass door on the first story, centered below the solarium.

The house sits on a coursed sandstone foundation. The house is clad in aluminum siding, and the roof is covered by asphalt shingles. There is a two-car, wood-frame gable-roofed garage situated to the south of the house. Asphalt shingles are again used on the roof. The garage sits on a poured concrete foundation.

0. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on Lot #2, Block 39, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The lot was originally owned by James H. Woods, who died in 1886 and left his property to the Wilson Industrial School for Girls. The Wilson School sold 26 vacant lots in the Southside area to H.C. Heermans for \$3100 in 1886. This lot was part of that sale. In 1887, John M. Church purchased this lot from Mr. Heermans for \$300, and subsequently constructed the current house. Construction was completed by 1889. John M. Church was a travelling salesman by trade. In 1896, the house was purchased by William T. Moran. Mr. Moran worked for the Hub Clothing Company, clothier and haberdasher, from their office at 2-4 East Market Street. The house would remain in the Moran family for sixty years

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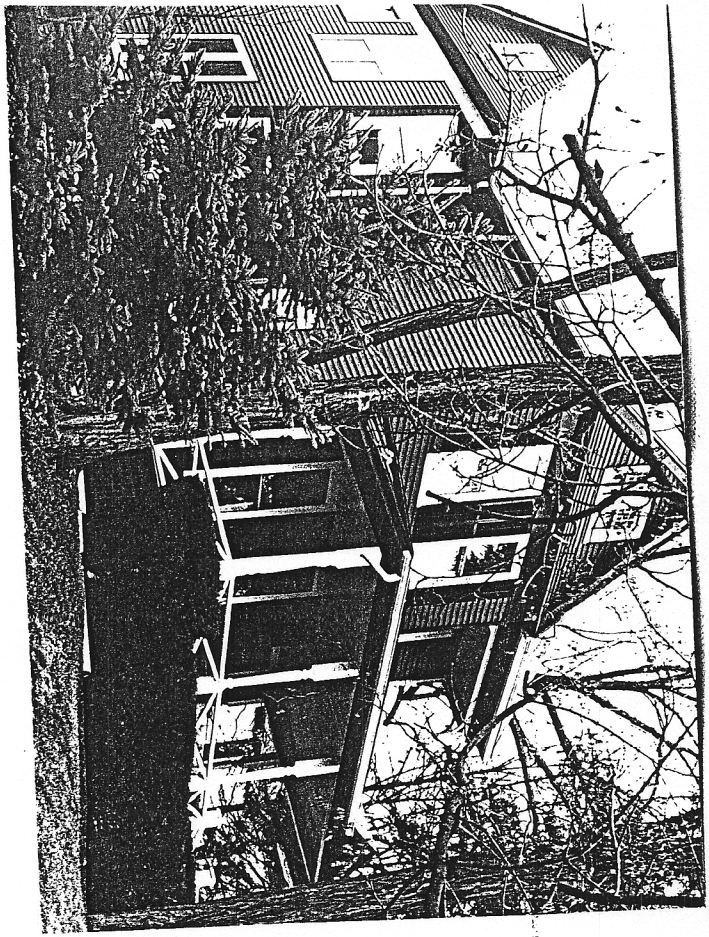
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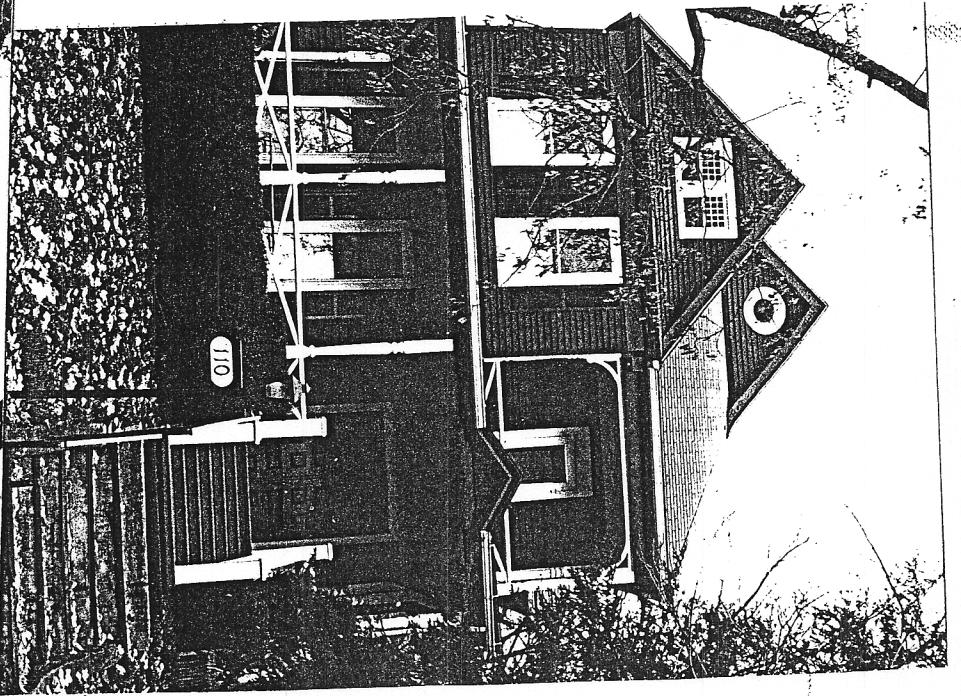
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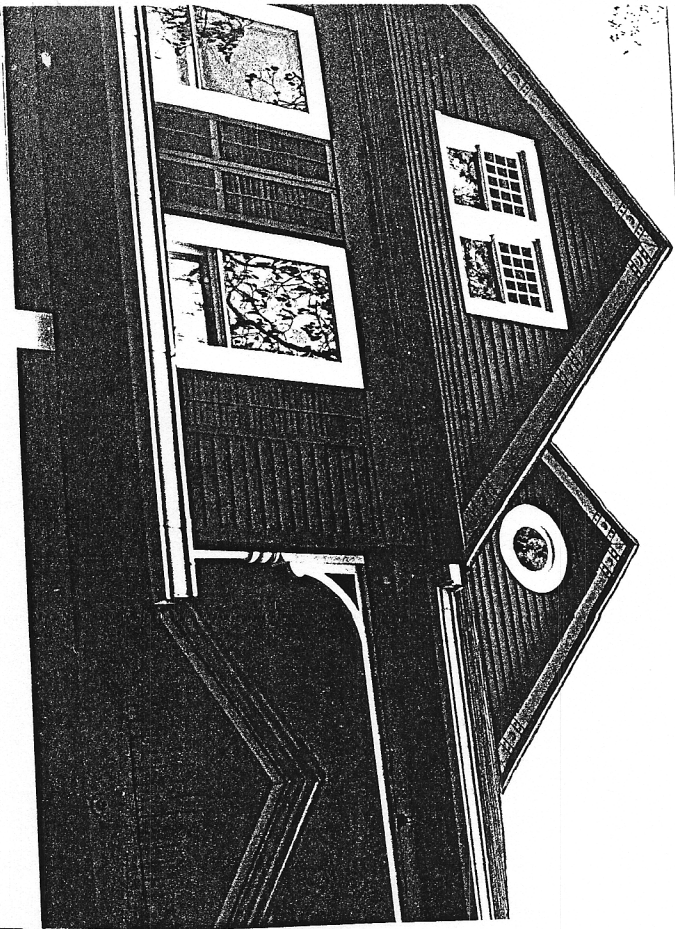
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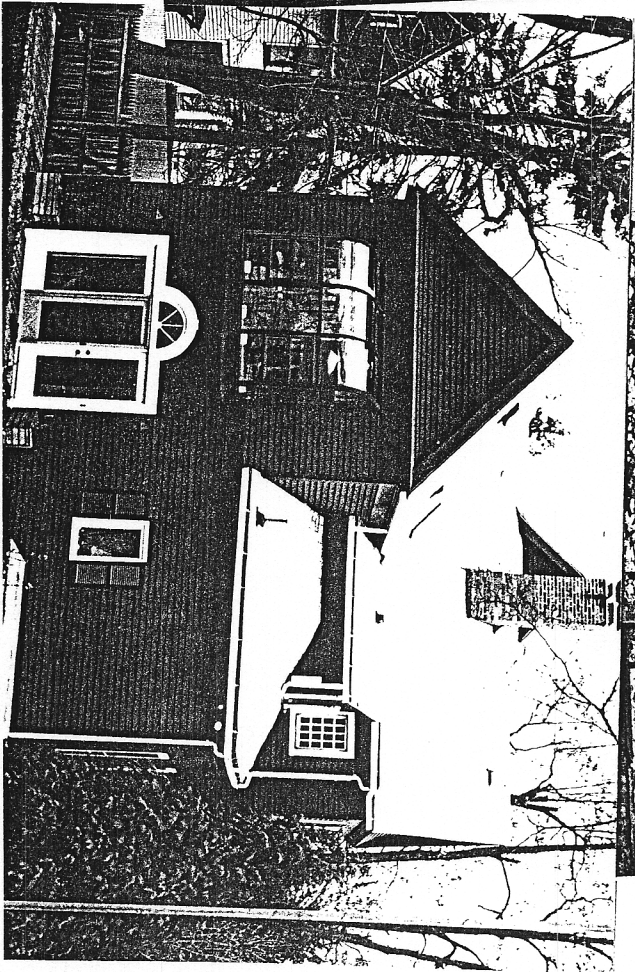
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