

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: 150 East Fourth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Paul A. & Amy K. Rogoski 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[ ] b. stone[ ] c. brick[ ] d. board & batten[ ]  
e. cobblestone[ ] f. shingles[X] g. stucco[ ] other: aluminum siding
- 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[X] b. zoning[ ] c. roads[ ]  
d. developers[ ] e. deterioration[ ]  
f. other:

15. 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:

16. 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:

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: 1890

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This house was constructed in 1890. In 1903, the southern half of its lot was sold off and a house was subsequently built on the sold portion. Several renovation campaigns have altered the house at 150 East Fourth Street. A garage was built to the south of the house between 1913 and 1921. In 1975, aluminum siding was installed, replacing the original clapboard on the first story. The shingles on the second story were repaired at this time. In 1991, a two story addition was added to the south facade of the house.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house is site is on the southwest corner of East Fourth and Chemung 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 6 foot bluff overlooking the street. All of the houses on the south side of East Fourth Street are situated on this bluff. However, viewed fronting Chemung Street, it shares characteristics with other Chemung Street homes: on the north facade, there is three feet of foundation visible, versus less than a foot 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 five-foot wood slat fence enclosing the rear (south) and west side yards, restricting the views of the house from public rights-of-way.

18. 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 along one or both side walls; an asymmetrical facade that avoids plain flat walls through such devices as bays, towers overhangs, and wall projections; the use of several wall materials of differing textures wherever expanses of planar wall do occur; and decorative multi-light windows. About half of all Queen Anne houses have a steeply hipped roof with one or more lower cross gables, such as this example.

The front (north) facade is dominated by a front-facing gable projecting from the eastern half of the facade. The first story contains a cottage window carrying a stained glass header. There is a pair of one-over-one double hung sash at the second story level. In the gable end there is a Queen Anne sash. The bargeboard is simply decorated with a groove-circle-groove motif. The western half of the north facade is dominated by a hipped-roof porch. The roof of this porch slopes up steeply to meet the house's principal hipped roof. To the west of the front door is a round diamond-motif stained glass window. The east facade is also dominated by a cross gable. The lower story of this gable is a three-sided bay, thus giving a canted appearance. The upper story of the bay is identical to the north facades' with paired windows and Queen Anne sash. The north end of the west facade is the two-story gable-roofed addition added in 1991. The east facade also has a projecting cross-gable, with a Queen Anne sash in the gable end. Instead of the paired window, there is a single one-over-one double hung sash offset south of center. To the north of this single window is a smaller, square, single-pane window. The south facade is notable for its paired six-light casement windows.

The house sits on a parged fieldstone foundation. The first story is sided with aluminum siding, while the upper story and gable ends employ wood octagonal shingle cladding. The roof is covered by asphalt shingles. There is a single-bay, hipped roof garage situated to the south of the house. It is constructed of rusticated concrete block, and rest on a concrete block foundation. It employs a slate shingle roof.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the northern half of Lot #8, Block 39, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house was constructed and first inhabited by William J. Heermans (b. January, 1864). Mr. Heermans was employed as a clerk (1890-1894), and later an accountant (1895-1899) for the Fall Brook Railway Company. The 1900 Census reports William, his wife Clara, his son and daughter, and a servant living in the house on Fourth Street. By this time, however, William J. Heermans was employed as a business clerk for C.R. Maltby & Company. This was a wholesale grocery company operating out of an office at 11 East Market Street. In 1903, Mr. Heerman sold the south portion of the lot to Dr. S. Luther Pickles, a dentist, who shortly thereafter built Colonial Revival house immediately to the south. The Heermans sold the Fourth Street house in 1919 to a salesman Leroy C. Chowning. Mr. Chowning lived in the house for the next seventeen years until he sold it to John J. Hart in 1943. Mr. Hart was a business partner with Clifford H. Matson and founded Hart & Matson, shoe sellers. Mr. Hart and his family were to occupy the house for the next twenty-five years.

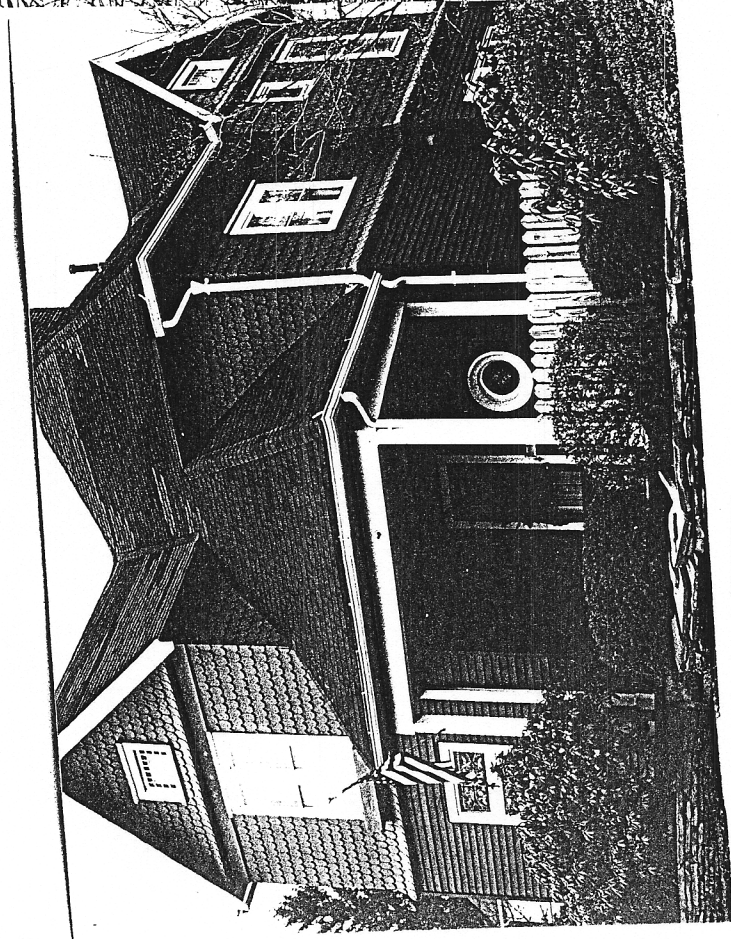
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS: (To be attached later)



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