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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: 170 East Fourth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Patricia W. Bennett 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[] g. stucco[] other: vinyl 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[X] b. good[] 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: 1882

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

The south wing of the house was added in the years following 1908, and the garage was constructed adjacent to the alley at the south of the site between 1913 and 1921. Since 1948, the full-width porch has been replaced with a stoop and projecting hood. Vinyl siding and window trim was added in 1979.

17. 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.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story structure can be described as a gabled-ell cottage, designed in the Italianate style. It was originally constructed as a simple-ell, with only a single corner, and then was enlarged by a two-story addition to the rear (south). It has a wide three-bay front (north) facade. This low-style house exhibits several of the identifying characteristics of the Italianate Style as presented in the McAlesters' book *A Field Guide to American Houses*. These include paired doors, large-pane glazing in the door itself; tall, narrow, two-over-two double-hung sash windows with a rectangular top, and a full width porch (which was a component of the original design).

The main entrance to the structure is off-center in the north gable end-wall. The arched portico over the original paired front doors is designed in the Colonial Revival Style, highlighted by classical detailing. It has a gabled roof but curved underside. Each of the wood front doors have circle top lights above a single decorative panel, and are recessed in the door frame approximately six inches. There are original eight glass-pane storm doors mounted flush with the wall plane. Above the doors, there is a sunburst motif. The remainder of the house has minimal ornamentation, very characteristic of a low-style Italianate cottage. Most windows are the standard two-over-two double hung sash. There is one five-sided one-story bay projecting from the east facade.

The house sits on an parged fieldstone foundation. The gabled roof is covered by asphalt shingles. The garage at the rear of the site is sided with clapboard. The east, north, and west facades of the garage are punctuated by a square, two-light windows. The vehicular entrance at the south side of the structure was altered from two bays to one with the removal of a vertical dividing post. As a result of the site sloping downward to the north, the northern portion of the garage's brick foundation is visible. The foundation was evidently used for coal and log storage, and the doors to the storage compartments remain intact. There is a five-panel door on the north facade, at the same elevation as the vehicular entrance. The landing and staircase leading down from this doorway have since been removed, but diagonal cuts in the clapboard and the parging indicate their former locations.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on Lot #4 of Block 38, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house was built in 1882 by Clinton E. Tylee, a master mechanic for the Morris Run Coal Company Railroad shops. He lived in the house, with his wife Sarah E. Tylee and son George E. After Clinton's death in 1891, Sarah transferred ownership of the house to her son George, but continue to live in the house with him. In 1891 George E. Tylee was employed as a travelling salesman. In 1892, he married Martha M. Patterson, and in 1893 entered into business with Frederick A. Thierfeldt. *Tylee & Thierfeldt*, located at 61 Pine Street, were grocers and sellers of boots, shoes, and crockery. After 1903, George E. and Martha M.P. Tylee moved from this house, but continued to rent it out to railroad workers. Wesley Johnson, employed as an engineer for the New York Central Railroad and his family lived in the house from 1903-1905. A locomotive fireman, L. Herbert Palmer, rented the house from

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE (continued):

1909-1910. In 1910, George E. Tylee sold the house to Walter C. Herriman, a machinist. He and his wife Ellen continued to live in the house for the next 52 years.

21. SOURCES:

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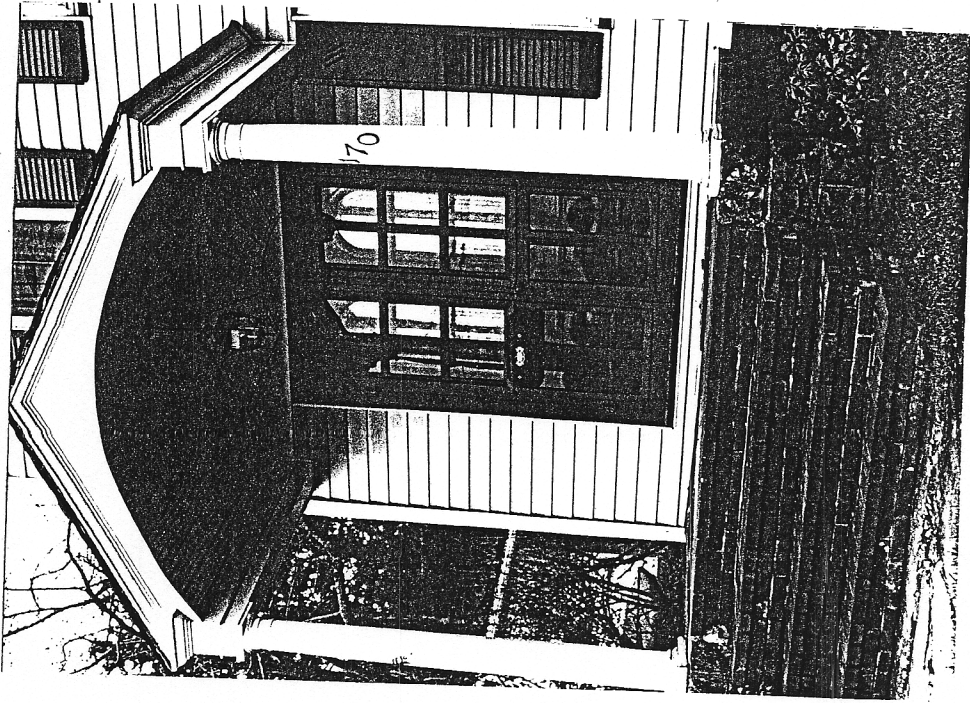
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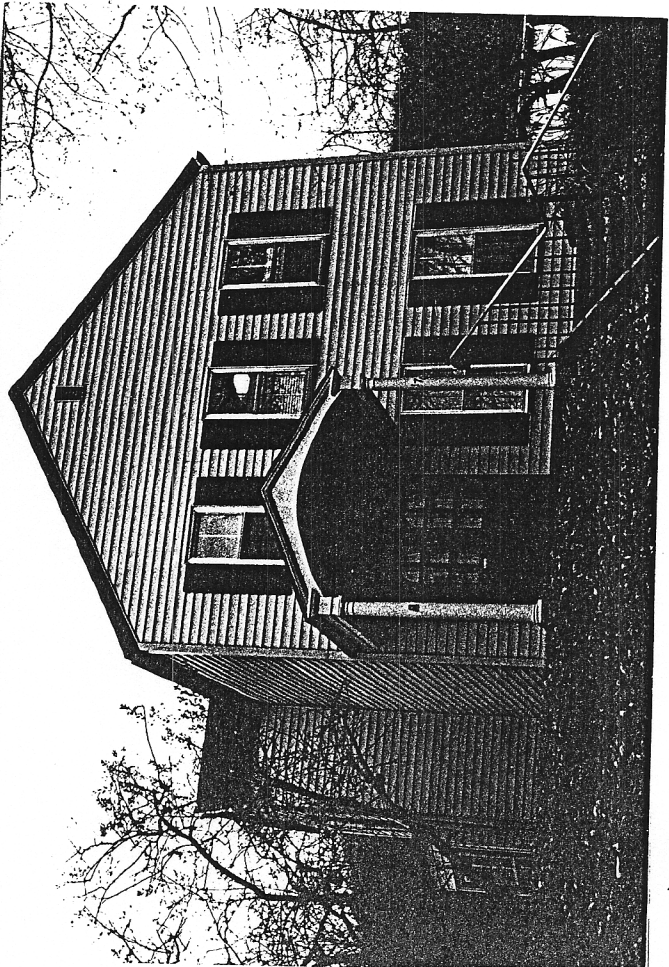
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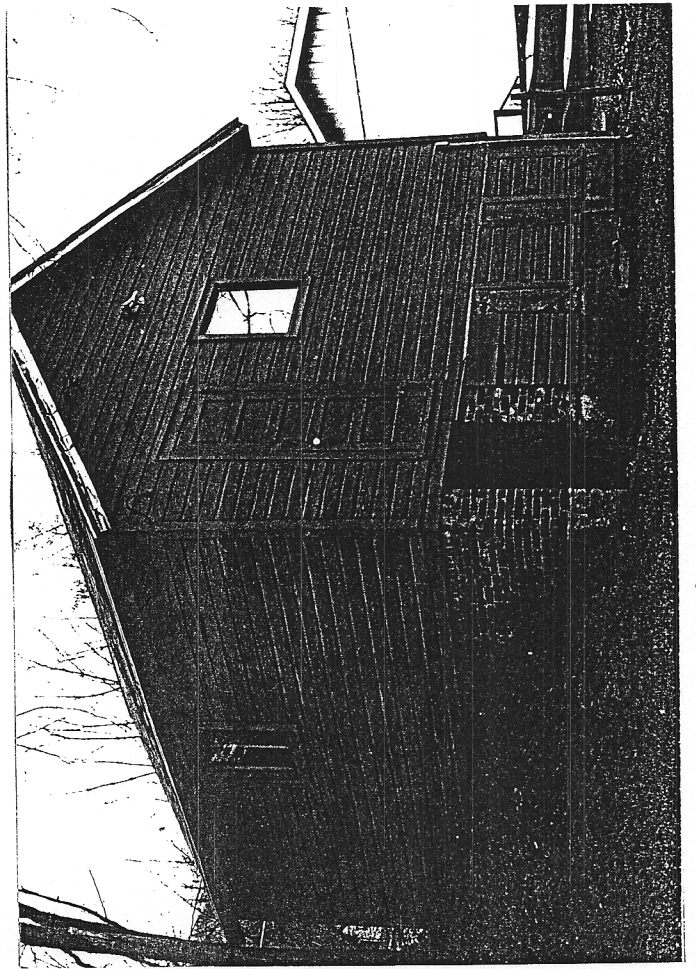
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