

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: 24 East Fourth St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Isacco Valli ADDRESS: 239 West First St.
- 6. USE: Original: Duplex rental Present: Duplex Rental
- 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 [] 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. 1875

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This house has undergone some significant alterations. Most notably part of the front porch has been enclosed. Ribbon windows have been added to the east side. A french door now serves as the exterior door to apartment A. It is likely the porch and columns have been replaced, though no date exists for this work. There have been periodic additions to the rear. These are evidenced by the random additions with shed roofs that extend from the original structure. A two- story bay addition extends out to a smaller one-story. This is located on the southeast corner. Adjacent to this addition is a one-story attached to the southwest corner.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the south side of Fourth Street this house seems to be grouped with two other houses (20 and 34). In fact it shares its lot with 20 Fourth Street. These houses represent some of the more vernacullar worker-housing that was built in Corning in the late nineteenth-century. These houses are even in their setback from the street. However, they are not consistent with the entire block.

There is a garage at the rear of the lot behind this house.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This house resembles the Italianate Style as defined by McAlester in the book *A Field Guide To American Architecture* . In addition it is an example of a more vernacullar version of this style. It is deviod of many of the typical decorative elements.

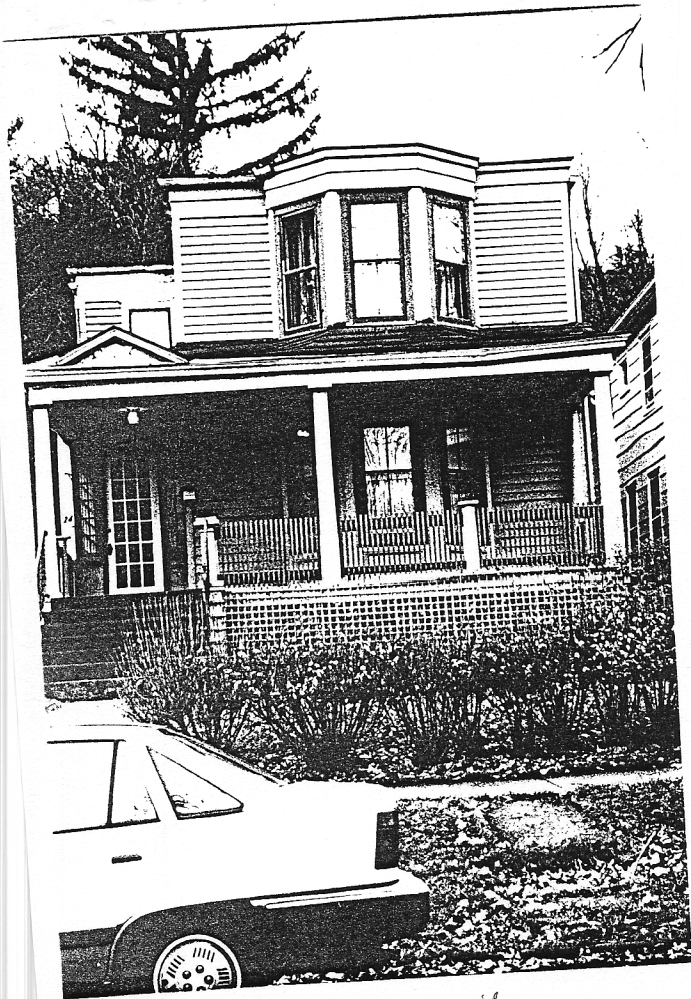
However, this two-story structure does have some features worth noting. The entire house is covered in clapboard siding. Most of the windows are tall 2 / 2 double-hung sash. There is an accentuated cornice around the roofline. A two-story bay accentuates the front facade of the home. In addition the full-width porches cornice is ornamented with a protruding pediment over the entry-way. There is multi-glazed ribbon window on the east facade.

The house is constructed on a siltstone foundation. There is a low-sloped pyramid roofed garage in the rear. It is a two-door garage covered in clapboard siding. The garage was constructed sometime around 1930.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the northeastern corner of Lot #4 of Block 55, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. This house is probably the second of two rental structures built on this property in the early 1870's. The tax roll indicates at least one structure was here in 1872.

The property was originally owned by T.W. Olcott who sold the property to William White in 1871. It may have been White who had the structures constructed on this property. Mr.



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