

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

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DATE: Fall 1993
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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 34 East Fourth St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Phillip and Amy Gorham ADDRESS: 34 East Fourth St.
- 6. USE: Original: Duplex rental 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:
- 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):

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1882

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:

There have been no significant alterations to this house with exception of the one-story bay on the rear. A picture window has been added to the front facade. In addition a new window has been added to the kitchen on the southwest corner of the house.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the south side of Fourth Street, this house is among a row of residential structures from the late nineteenth-century. These structures represent a wide range of popular vernacular and high style architecture of that period. These homes vary slightly in their setback from the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story structure resembles that of the Italianate Style. Several features can be noted that illustrate this.

The structure's overhanging eaves with brackets are perhaps the most obvious Italianate elements. In addition the roof is a slightly pitched and pyramidal in configuration. The entryway is simplified. Nevertheless, the entry-porch accentuates the doorway. Square columns support a small cornice and pyramidal-roofed porch. The front door is cased with simplified pilasters and pediment. Most of the windows in the structure are 2 / 2 double-hung sash. There are three located on the second-story of the front facade. They are spaced symmetrically. A small bay window exists on the east facade. The picture window, though not original, should be noted. It represents a typical alteration for these structures.

The structure is covered in wood shingle siding. It sits on a the original foundation.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is located on the northern third of Lot # 5 of Block 55, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. This property was associated with William J. White, who also owned Lot #4, until 1882. This house built in 1882. Like its neighbors (20 and 24) it may have specifically been built as worker housing. The property has predominantly been a rental property in its history. For this reason tenants have been difficult to identify. H. Alber is listed on an 1893 map as residing here, however he is not listed in the Corning directory. A Don and Catherine Clark are listed as residing here in 1899. Catherine was an employee at J. Hoare and Co. Dan was an employee at the Corning glass factory.

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21.SOURCES:

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Sanborn Map Company. Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, New York, (1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, and 1930).

Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, NY.

Steuben County Tax Records, Steuben County Records Center, Bath, NY.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

West Facade

East Facade



L. CAMPBELL
(on deck)



34 East
4th