

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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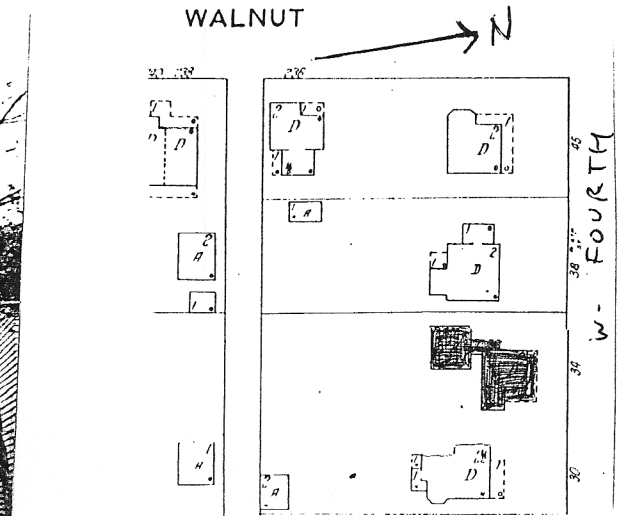
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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S):
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 34 West Fourth St.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
5. PRESENT OWNER: W. James and Patricia Beilly ADDRESS: 34 West Fourth St.
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 [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 [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 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
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 BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

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: after 1948

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11c. If the house shown on this lot on the 1903 Sanborn map is the same house shown on the 1908 map, major changes occurred between those two years. A one story addition was attached to the rear half of the east facade, a one story porch wrapped around from the new addition to the front facade, and a small one-story porch was added onto the west facade at the southwest corner of the house. In addition, the greenhouse that dominated the lot in 1903 was removed; its place was taken by a one story outbuilding, very close to the house, with a one story addition to its rear. The outbuilding, which still exists, is built in the Italianate Style, so it was probably constructed elsewhere at an earlier date and moved onto this lot at the time the other changes were made. Between 1908 and 1913, the north porch was extended back to connect the house with the outbuilding. Between 1913 and 1921, the outbuilding became an auto garage.

17. This house is located on the south side of Fourth Street in a residential neighborhood. The neighborhood contains a variety of residential styles, primarily Italianate, Queen Anne, and Colonial Revival, many of them relatively high style. The size and setback of this house are similar to those of the houses to the west, but are less than those of the houses to the east on the same block.

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18. This two-story wood-frame house exhibits characteristics of the Colonial Revival Style, popular since the 1890s but especially in the early 20th century. Each bay of the three-bay front facade contains a six-over-six-light double-hung sash on each floor; one exception, the westernmost bay on the first story, contains the front door. The door is flanked by pilasters, and capped by a carved semi-circular fanlight in a broken pediment. The east and west facades are two bays wide and contain the same type of six-over-six-light window in each bay. A small lunette window is located in both the east- and west-facing gables.

The most notable feature of the house is a large, one-story, hipped-roof Italianate addition near the southwest corner of the house, which is connected to the house by a small one-story connecting room. The one-story connector has north- and west-facing windows and is surmounted by a balustrade. The Italianate addition features a segmental arch in the roofline, an oculus window with an elaborately carved surround, and carved brackets under the eaves. A segmentally-arched opening on the west facade contains a pair of rectangular windows. A full-width shed-roofed addition, attached to the rear of the Italianate section, has at least one south-facing window.

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20. This site was formerly occupied by the greenhouses of Aloysius H. Woepfel, a German emigrant who worked as a florist. The 1882 bird's-eye view of Corning shows no greenhouses on this site, but a small house which might be this one appears on that map. An 1893 city engineer's map shows both the greenhouses and a house, possibly this one. Finally, the 1903 Sanborn map shows a house that is nearly identical in footprint and location to the main portion of the present house. Since the style of the present house appears to be the mid-20th century Cape Cod Style, however, it may have been built on the foundation of an earlier house. The origin of the Italianate wing later used as a garage, added to the house between 1903 and 1908, is unknown.

Woepfel purchased the property in 1897 for use as a greenhouse business and residence. His occupation is listed in the 1903 Corning city directory as "florist, cut flowers and floral designs," at this address. In 1905, however, this building is listed as vacant, while Woepfel moved his greenhouse business to a new location on Mill Street, beyond the village limits. From about 1907 to 1917, the house was occupied successively by a ticket clerk for the Erie Railroad and a chauffeur. For fifty years, from 1917 to 1967, the house was occupied by Joseph N. Pfeiffer, a shipping clerk and later foreman of the Corning Glass Works, and his wife, Anna. Pfeiffer died in 1965; his widow sold the property two years later to the present owners.

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21. Sources:

Bird's-eye view map of Corning, 1882.

Corning building inspectors files, Corning.

Corning city directories (1872, 1874, 1893-1991).

Corning Evening Leader, Feb. 6, 1939 (A. H. Woepfel obituary).

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps (1893, 1898, 1903, 1908,
1913, 1921, 1930, 1948)

Steuben County cemetery records, Corning Public Library.

Steuben County deeds, Steuben County court house, Bath.

Steuben County surrogate's court records, Steuben County court
house, Bath.

United States census (1880, 1900, 1910).