

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: MARK PIERCE

DATE: Dec. 6, 1992

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation Planning Workshop, Cornell University

IDENTIFICATION

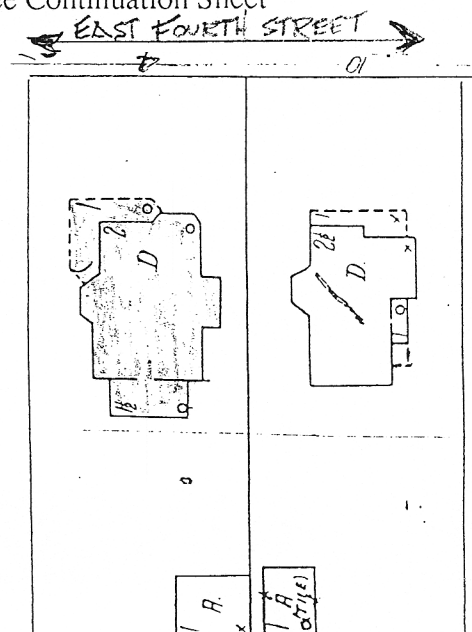
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 4 East Fourth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Martin and Julia Mariner ADDRESS: 4 E. Fourth St
- 6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: 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 [X]
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



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 []
d. densely built-up [] e. commercial []
f. industrial [] g. residential [X]
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: ca. 1880

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:

1908- A small porch was added to the south-east corner of the house sometime between 1903 and 1908, but was removed sometime before 1930. Also, it appears that the existing front porch is not the original, but has been redone at some point through the years.

Window?
I look original
in photos

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This residence rests on the corner of East Fourth and Pine Streets. It is on the south side of East Fourth Street and the east side of Pine Street. This structure is located in a neighborhood that displays many distinctive architectural styles of houses from different time periods. This house is one of the older residences in the neighborhood.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This large, beautifully maintained house is designed in the Italianate Style of architecture. As noted in A Field Guide To American Houses (McAlester), "the Italianate Style began in England as part of the Picturesque Movement, a reaction to the formal classical ideals in art and architecture that had been fashionable for about two hundred years. The movement emphasized rambling, informal Italian Style farm houses" (212). This residence has the typical gently sloping hipped roof and widely overhanging eaves of the Italianate Style, The Italianate Style, which was popular in New York State between 1850 and 1890.

The front (north) facade of 4 East Fourth Street is asymmetric in design. A two-story canted bay is displayed on the eastern half of this front facade. The second story of this bay is slightly flared over the first floor. This flared section is ornamented with narrow crown molding. The windows are long and narrow and are typical of those seen in the Italianate Style. The western half of this front facade has an entrance porch with a flat roof. This porch wraps around the northwest corner of the house to form an L-shape. The long side of the L extends about a third of the way along the west facade of the house. The porch is supported by square columns. The facia of this porch is ornamented with crown molding. The front entrance has a transom over the three panel door. This is not a typical Italianate Style front entrance, which leads one to believe that the original entrance area was replaced at some point over the years. The widely overhanging eaves of the main house are decorated with large profiled brackets that are located on a trim band. This trim band is elaborated with panels and molding. The facia on the main part of the house repeats the crown mold that is seen on the of the front porch. The west facade of this structure has the same two-story canted bay with the flared second floor that is displayed on the front (north) facade. The east facade has a projecting two-story square bay. The rear (south) facade has a one-and-a-half-story rectangular-shaped projecting structure that extends about two thirds along the rear (south) of the house.

facia?

→ these are small compared to some in Corning

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

George Brown and his wife, Stella, purchased this property from Thomas Maynard Wellington and George McCleugh in 1888. Mr. Brown lived in this residence until about 1903. Brown was a general superintendent at the Fall Brook Railroad.

? → Mr. and Mrs. Brown sold this house to Mr. Edward F. Kerschner in 1906 for \$7500. Mr. Kerschner was a division freight agent for the New York Central Railroad.

21. SOURCES:

spelling?

* certainly the door(s) were replaced by the door, but I think the surrounds are original if not totally appropriate to the style

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21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Steuben County Deeds; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1893, 1888, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1921, 1930

Map INFORMATION:

1903- This is the first available map of the area. The house appears on this map; the shape is the same as it is at the present time.

1908- A small porch has been added to the south east corner of the house.

1913- No change

1921- No change

1930- The small porch on the south east corner of the house has been removed

CITY DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

1893- George R. Brown, general superintendent, Fall Brook Rail Road

1895- No change

1903- Dean C. Balcom, clerk at the New York Central Railroad

1905- No change

1907- Edward F. Kershner, division freight agent; New York Central Rail Road

1909- No change

1911- No change

1914- No change

1918- No change

1923- No change