

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: 70 East Fourth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: David and Patricia Kahl ADDRESS: 70 East 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 [ ] 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):

See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1883

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

The Sanborn maps indicate this house once had a porch across the front facade and half-way down the west side of the house. This was removed in stages until it completely disappeared. A second bay window was added to the east facade around 1913. This is the one closest to the northeast corner of the house. In addition a bay window and porch were added to the southwest corner of the house. A window in the apex of the gable on the front facade was replaced. No dates are known for these alterations.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the south side of Fourth Street, this residence is in a row with other residential structures of the nineteenth-century. These homes demonstrate the wide range of styles that were developed during that time. The homes have slightly varying setback from the street. A garage is located at the southwest corner of the lot next to the alley.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This home is a 2 1/2 story structure with a varying mix of elements from various styles. McAlester might refer to this home as being Queen Anne due to its steep roof pitch and massing. The massing is configured as a cross-gable with a dominant front-facing gable.

The asymmetrical front facade may also indicate this structure's Queen Anne origins. Four 1 / 1 double-hung sash windows (two on each story) are located in the left bay of the structure. The lower windows are accentuated by lintels. In the right bay is located the entryway and a pair of smaller 1 / 1 double-hung windows. The front door resembles more of the Colonial Revival style with its sidelights and oval fanlight. The front-gable eaves slightly overhang. The cornice is marked by returns on the front-gable.

The rear facade is asymmetrical and irregular. Windows are located randomly. One window of interest is a pair of 1 / 1 double-hung sash with a fanlight above them. The window in the apex of the gable is a pair of 1 / 1 double-hung sash accentuated by lintels.

The house is covered in coursed wood shingles. It is constructed on a siltstone foundation. The garage resembles the house in materials. It is gabled with one door.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

70 East fourth is constructed on the northern half of Lot #4 of Block 52, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canefield map of Corning. Mr. Albert Seymour was taxed for this property and an unfinished house in 1883. The house was eventually given over to Elbert B. Seymour in 1893. Elbert was the Treasurer for Corning Gas at the time. He later became the secretary. Others family members listed at this residence during his ownership are Belle, Hiram, Kate, and Luella. The house would next be owned and rented by Amory Houghton who would leave it to Alanson in 1909.



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