

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: 86 East Fourth St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Thomas and Barbara Blumer ADDRESS: 86 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):

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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:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES

There have been various alterations to this home. The most evident an addition to the right bay of the house. A two-story bay with shed roof has been added to the rear of this bay. All the windows and doors in this addition are new. The Sanborn maps from 1921 and 1930 indicate that the right bays of the house used to be an apartment. The house now exists as a single unit. A porch that ran along a majority of the front of the house no longer exists. The front door has been moved to the adjacent wall on the front porch and now faces west (it once faced north). Several windows have been replaced. Picture windows have been added to the front facade (right bay) and the rear facade (right bay). Building records indicate the replacement of these windows in 1977. A window with multiple-light glazing has been added to the front facade as well. Building records also indicate the installation of a new fireplace in 1977. A carriage barn or garage that existed on the property until 1923.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

This house is situated on the south side of Fourth Street between other homes from the nineteenth-century. These homes present a wide range of styles from that time. The house is inconsistent with the setback of other homes on the street. All homes vary slightly in their setback to the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE

This house represents the Italianate style as defined by McAlester in their book A Field Guide to American Architecture. Though the structure has had a considerable amount of alterations it still provides examples of some of the elements that existed in this style. The structure is two-stories with asymmetrical massing.

A one-story front entry porch exists in the corner of an extended bay and the house. Its posts are square and support a small cornice. The front door is four paneled with six lights in the top. Casing frames the door in a full arch over a half-circle window. The house retains many of its thin double-hung two over two windows. These occur on the front facade in addition to the rear and sides.

The house is also characterized by its projecting eaves whose brackets are still intact. A cornice with dentils is located just below the eaves. The house is sided in plain coursed wood shingles. The foundation of the home is constructed of rough-cut, irregularly coursed siltstone. It continues around the home with exception to the addition on the rear which has a concrete foundation.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house is constructed on Lot #6 of Block 52, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. It is one of the earliest homes (1870) to appear on this block. The county tax rolls indicate a Mr. J.E Wilkinson was taxed for a house and lot as early as 1870. Mr. Wilkinson and his wife Charlotte occupied this home until 1902 when it was

given over by the widowed Charlotte to Mary Wilkinson. Mary was probably a daughter since she was also indicated as living here previously. Mr. Wilkinson was a traveling salesman. Other Wilkinson's that lived in this home in the late nineteenth century were: Josephine, a teacher at school #3; Charlotte J.; Harriet L.; and Mary, who was a cashier.

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21.SOURCES:

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1991

Corning City Directories, Boyd's 1872-1873, 1874-1875; Hanford 1893-1920

Map of Corning. Buffalo: Brewer and Canfield, 1855.

Map of Corning. Corning: Harry C. Heermans, City Engineer, 1893.

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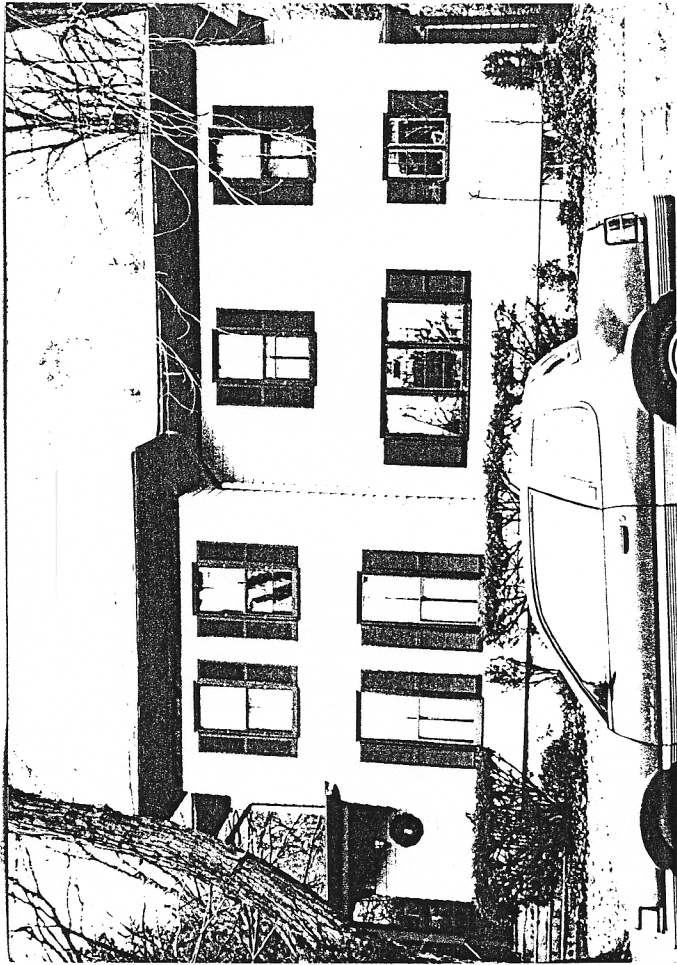
Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, NY.

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

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

West Facade

East Facade



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