

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: 91 West Fourth St.
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ]              b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: James and Eleanor Vaughn      ADDRESS: 91 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 [ ] b. stone [ ] c. brick [ ] d. board & batten [ ]  
    e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [ ] g. stucco [ ] other: Vinyl
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 Cont. 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 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: ca. 1890

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

91 West Fourth Street  
Corning, New York

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

The major alterations to this structure include the relocation of the one-story east wing of the house to the northeast corner of the lot, ca. 1900. The east porch was enclosed ca. 1930. Vinyl siding and vinyl replacement windows were both installed in 1980; a greenhouse was added to the north end of the house in 1989.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This residence is located on the north side of West Fourth Street facing south. The house is one in a series of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century homes similar in scale, setback and east-to-west spacing. This house is set very close to its west property line.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story house is built in the Queen Anne Style of architecture and exhibits many features associated with this style. These include steeply pitched cross gables with an asymmetrical front facade. This facade consists of a gable front with a one-story porch projecting from the east side. The architectural details of the structure are also consistent with the Queen Anne Style.

The house is covered in vinyl siding. The front (south) projecting gable features a bay on the first story level which has canted edges with decorative lace-like brackets and a central window on the main plane of the facade. The second story has two evenly-spaced windows. The main entrance is located on the east side of the structure, accessed through the screened-in porch. One unique features of the house the carved wood molding, located directly above the central window on the first story of the south gable front.

The house is set on a partially-raised foundation, made of a rough-cut bedstone. At the northeast corner of the lot, along the alley, is a one-story garage with a hipped roof and vinyl siding, similar to that used on the main house. It is suspected that this outbuilding was originally the east wing of the house, and was relocated ca. 1900.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is located on Lot #10 of Block 75 in the Southside neighborhood of Corning, NY. This property was originally owned by John Smith, and sold it to Andrew Callahan, a pioneer glass-cutter in Corning, and his wife Julia for \$376 in 1885. The Callahan family owned a great deal of the property in this block in the late-nineteenth century. Around the time of the purchase of the property the house was constructed. By 1903 the east wing of the house was removed; it is suspected that this structure was moved to the northeast corner of the lot. This property remained in the possession of the Callahan family until Julia's death in 1938, when this property, along with many other family properties on this block, were sold by her heirs to Harry Huffman, a machinist at Corning Glass Works.

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