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# 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: Coming                      VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 126 East Second Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ X ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Edward R. & Donna L. Gaffney                      ADDRESS: c/o Fleet Mortgage Group
- 6. USE:                      Original: Residence                      Present: Residence                      P.O.Box 316 Milwaukee WI
- 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 and batten [ ]  
e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [ ] g. stucco [ ] other: vinyl siding
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:                      a. wood frame with interlocking joints [ ]  
(if known)                      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 OUT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. barn
- b. carriage house
- c. garage
- d. privy
- e. shed
- f. greenhouse
- g. shop
- h. gardens
- i. landscape features: pine trees
- 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

(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):

See Continuation Sheet

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca.1869

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11.c. INTEGRITY-List major alterations and dates (if known):

In 1893 this structure is represented in an L-shaped form with one and one-and-a-half story areas, according to the Sanborn Fire Insurance map. An entry porch on the north facade was added in 1898, but removed by 1903. By 1921 a bay had been added to the east side and there is a wraparound porch present on the north and east facades. The house does not seem to have been altered significantly since then, except for two, one-story, additions which were made to the south corners.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the south side of East Second Street, and behind large pine trees, this residence is in an area filled with homes of similar size, setbacks, and styles. Almost all houses along the south side of the street are one-and-a-half or two stories, and have an approximate 15' setback, but varying amounts of side yard in the lot. The styles present along the street include the Italianate, Greek Revival, Federal and Queen Anne.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The earliest representation of this structure is the bird's eye View of Corning map of 1882, where it appears as a two-story structure, and at this time it has a gable parallel to the street. Today the house has mostly Queen Anne style elements, such as the massing, wraparound porch, bay and cross gable. However, Greek Revival detailing is present in the returns of the gables.

The house is a two-and-a-half story structure with a stone foundation and intersecting gables. There is one full-height bay on the east facade and two one-story additions on the south ends. The roofs are covered with asphalt shingles and are pierced by two chimneys. The exterior walls are covered with vinyl siding, but the porch is covered in wood shingles. The main facade includes a wraparound porch on the north and east sides, with an enclosed balustrade. The supports of the porch are columns.

The fenestration pattern of the north facade is difficult to see because of the pine trees. However, most of the windows appear to be one-over-one sash and of the same size. An entry door is located in the porch, on the north facade.

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## 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The importance of this structure within the Southside neighborhood of Corning relates to the history of industry in the area. The lot on which it stands (#5 in block 41) was purchased in 1869, and the house was probably built soon thereafter. This is just one year after the appearance of Corning Flint Glass Works, when the city experienced growth in population, as well as industrial technology.

Isabelle Austin purchased lot #5 in block 41 from Joseph Fellows in 1869. The house and lot were sold to Frank E. Sharp in 1902, and sold again in 1904 to William J. Hewlett. The following people were also owners of the house, and the turnover rates seem relatively high, as compared to that of other properties in the block:

Walter Guthridge (1906-08)

Arthur M. Breed (1908-09)

Catherine Forbes (1909-15, foreclosed mortgage)

George F. Ellison (1915)

Emma B. Wolcott (1915 -62)

Susan T. Fairman (1962)

John Daniel Wertz (1962-78)

G. Naomi Hall (1978)

David B. Youst (1978-87)

Jane McAvinney (1987-89)

Edward R, and Donna L. Gaffney (1989-present)

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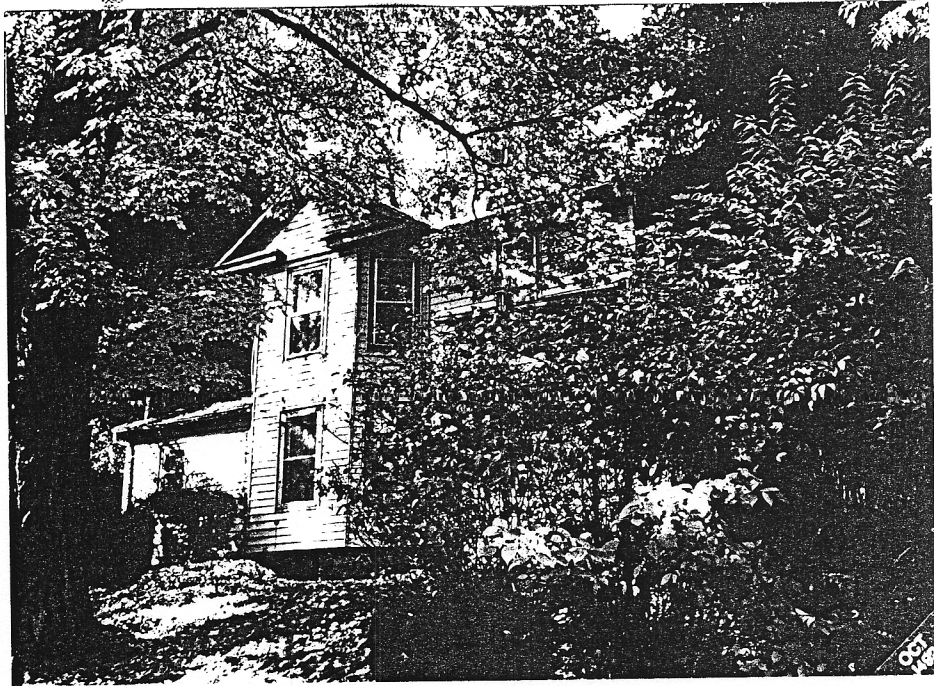
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