

Does this house appear on the 1850s map? ✓

# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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## IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~427-429 E. Second St.~~ →
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 127-129 E. Second St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ X ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Robert and Bev Sproule ← ADDRESS: 127 E. Second St.  
Present: Two family residence
- 6. USE: Original: 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): **SCS**
- 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  
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)

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

(Including interior features if known):

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1835-1850

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicated that this was originally a gable-front-and-wing variation of the Greek Revival <sup>style</sup> house, consisting of a two-story rectangular block with a one-story wing to the west and a one-story lean-to off the rear (north) of the wing. Between 1908 and 1913 the one-story lean-to was enlarged to extend the full length of of the one-story wing. By 1930 the entire one-story portion of the house was raised to two-stories. Also, a one-story porch on the north facade no longer exists. Originally a one-story porch was located on the principal (south) facade of the one-story portion of the structure but today the porch continues across the eastern block of the building. Sometime after 1930 the house was converted from a single family residence to a two family residence. As a result a door and large aluminum window (that is out of scale for this dwelling) were added to the western block of the building most likely replacing original windows. The wood square butt shingles that sheath the house, the aluminum one-over-one windows, and storm doors are later additions.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of East Second Street, this residence is one of a row of mid-nineteenth century homes. These houses have similar setbacks from the street, but are somewhat inconsistent in their east to west spacing.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The house located at 127-129 East Second Street is an example of a Greek Revival residence, a style that enjoyed wide popularity in Corning from 1825 to 1860. The massing is defined by McAlester in *A Field Guide to American Houses* as a front-gable-and-wing. The building is two-stories high, consisting of a front-gable block and a side-gable block to the west slightly set back from the central block. Identifying Greek Revival features include the front facing gable end, the low pitched roof, the emphasis on the wide cornice with returns that suggest a classical entablature, and the decorative treatment of the doorway which includes simple pilaster strips and a top light. There are two brick chimneys present, an interior chimney located in the eastern block and an end-wall chimney located on the western facade. The foundation has been covered over by concrete. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical on the eastern portion of the principal (south) facade and has been altered on the western portion.

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE, continued:

A porch consisting of square columns set on a parapet wall with a very low pitched roof extends across most of the main (south) facade. Currently the building is clad in wood square butt shingles, it is probable that it originally was covered in clapboard siding. A one-story garage constructed of terra cotta blocks with a sway back roof is located at the rear of the property.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Charles M. Reed, an engineer, was listed as living here in the Elmira and Corning City Directories from 1872-73 and 1874-75. He continued to live at this address until 1908. In 1909-10, Jennie M. Reed and Minnie L. Reed presumably his widow and daughter were living here. By 1911 the Reed family had moved and Charles A. Ingalls and Robert Miller resided in this house.

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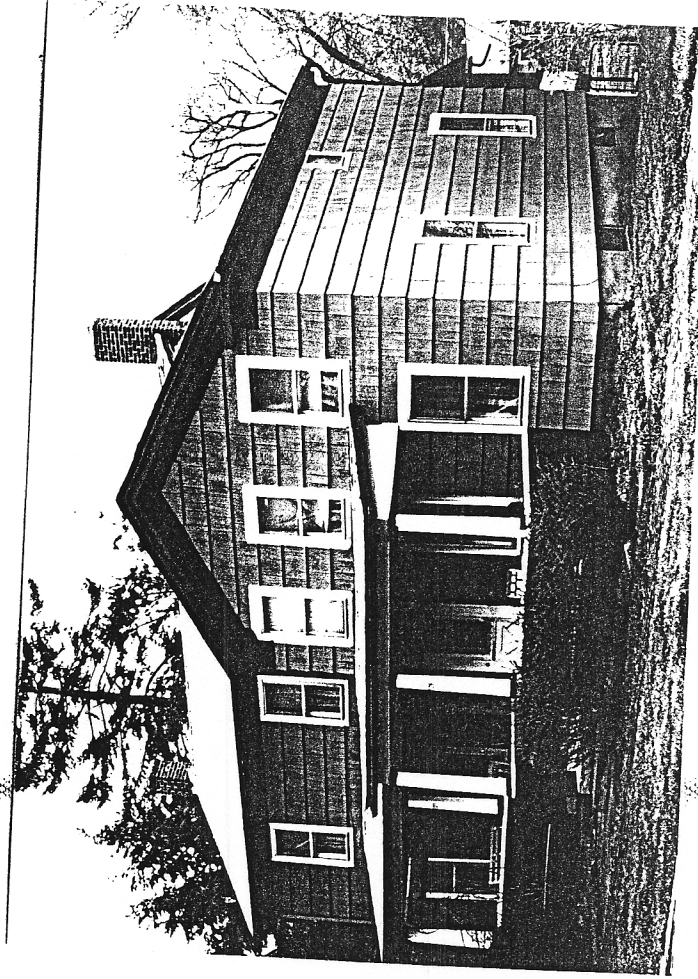
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21. SOURCES, continued:

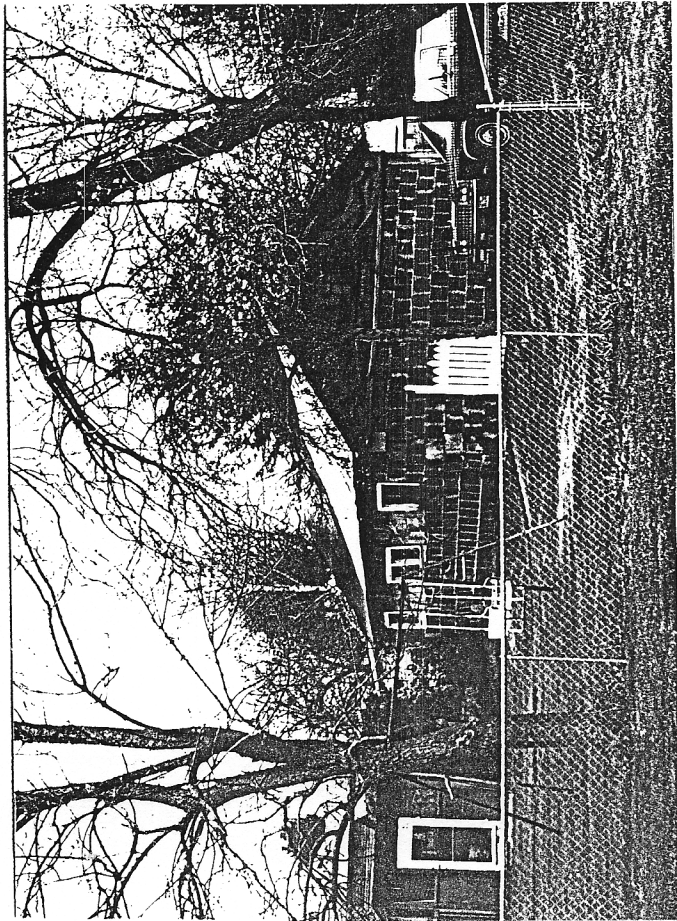
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