



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.1893

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):

The 1893 Sanborn Fire Insurance map indicates this structure was a square, two-story structure with a single-story addition to the east. Between 1898 and 1903, a one-story outbuilding is constructed, which is a two-car garage presently. The house does not seem to have changed at all since 1893.

#### 17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the far north end of lot #6 on East Second Street and adjacent to the alley, the main facade of 136 1/2 is the north side, towards Second Street, and not the alley. It is smaller than most of the homes in the area, and is one of the two residences located on the south sides of lots #1-7, on block 41, by the alley between Second and Third streets. Other houses in the area are of the Italianate, Greek Revival, Queen Anne and Federal styles.

#### 18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The earliest representation of this structure is on the 1898 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, where it is depicted as essentially the same Italianate style (McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses) structure as is today. Although the fenestration patterns, windows and doors are not the type normally ascribed to the Italianate style, the square massing of the main part and the pyramidal roof suggest Italianate influences.

The main area of the structure is two stories and seems to have a two-bay fenestration pattern. The one-story addition to the east has a shed roof and also contains the entry door, beneath an overhang. The exterior walls and roofs are covered in asphalt shingles, and the house has a parged, stone foundation. One chimney pierces the pyramidal main roof.

Most of the windows are similar six-over-one sash, although other types and sizes are present. No openings are located on the west facade. The entry porch to the east contains a single, glazed door. Another door beneath a porch on the north facade is also present.

A two-door garage constructed of concrete block, which opens into the alley, is located by the northeast corner of the lot.

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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 city. It was built in approximately 1898 as a rental unit, and has served a variety of tenants and workers in the city throughout the years.

Agnes Austin purchased the lot #6 in block 41 on which 136 1/2 East Second Street is built from Erastus Corning and Joseph Fellows in 1852. The structure was not built until ca 1893, and it is shortly thereafter that it is sold to another member of the family. Emma J. Austin acquired the lot in 1907, as did John L. Austin in 1933. Carl H. and Elizabeth Graf purchased the entire lot #6 in 1937 and later decided to subdivide it. In 1986 they sold this south part of the land on which 136 1/2 East Second Street exists to Maureen Thompson. The current owners, Robert G. and Teresa M. Laurence, have owned the property since 1989.

## 21. SOURCES

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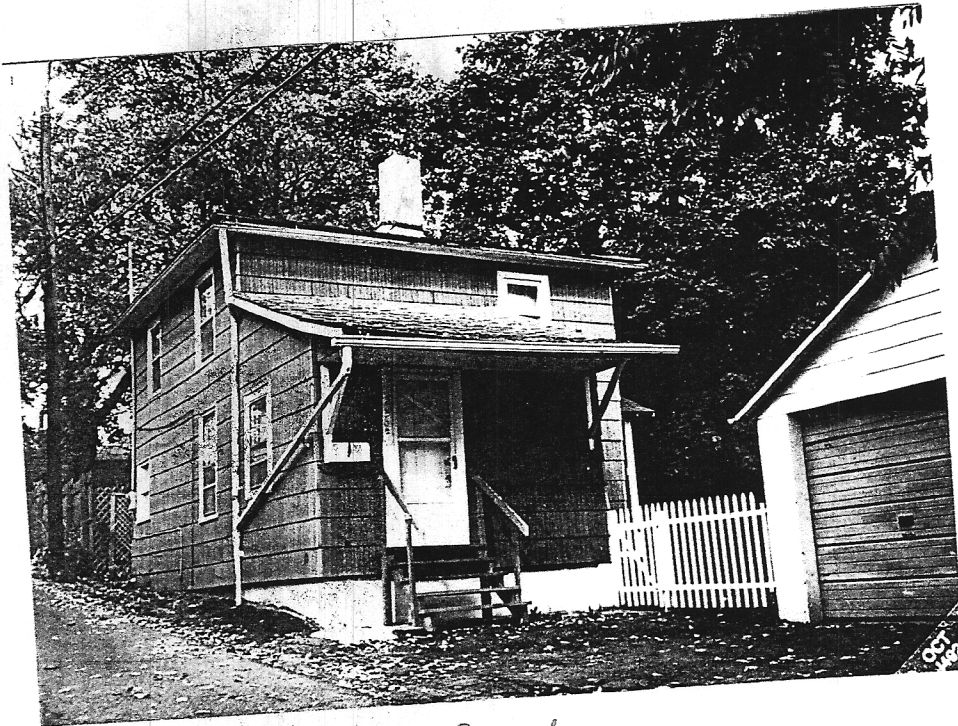
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