



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): ~~137-141 E. Second St.~~ C

2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Coming

VILLAGE:

3. STREET LOCATION: 137-141 E. Second St.

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]

5. PRESENT OWNER: Kathleen Warkins

← ADDRESS: 141 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 [] g. stucco [X] other: aluminum siding

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):

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: The barn is 139 1/2 E. Second St., single family residence

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. 1835-55

1840

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This building appears on the 1857 Map of Corning, in the *Atlas of Steuben County, New York*. The footprint of 137-141 East Second Street has remained constant since 1893 as evidenced by Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. The only major change to the structure since that date was the increase of the rear (north) portion of the house from one-and-a-half-stories to two-stories, with a one-story ell off the north. It is likely however that the structure underwent some alteration between 1857 and 1893. The one-story wing located on the east facade was probably added sometime after the initial construction of the house. The wrap around porch is likely a later addition, replacing and an earlier porch. Storm windows and aluminum siding are later alterations to the structure. The most notable change is the conversion of the house from a single-family residence to a two-family residence which occurred between 1908 and 1913.

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) 17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of East Second Street, this residence is one 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. The principal (south) facade of 137-141 East Second Street is largely obscured by the two evergreen trees located in front of the house. The large two-story barn located behind the house was originally part of the property, but the parcel was divided and it was converted to a single-family residence, 139 1/2 East Second Street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

) 137-141 East Second Street is an example of Greek Revival house that has undergone several changes since its initial construction. The massing of the building consists of a central core, (probably the original portion) which is two-stories tall and three bays wide. To the east of this central block is a narrow one-story wing. Off the west facade of the main block is a small one-story ell. A large two-story wing extends to the north of the central block. While the foundation of the original section is concealed by aluminum siding, the exposed foundation of subsequent additions consists of rough faced concrete block. Greek Revival features of the building include the front facing gable, the low-pitched roof, the symmetrically organized main facade of the central block, the decorative door surround which has since been

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

covered over, and the wide bands near the cornice bands that suggest a classical entablature. The wrap around porch consisting of square tapered columns supported by a parapet wall, with a front gable framing the main entrance is likely a later addition. An interior chimney stack is visible at the peak of the gable.

same era as porch; which you've already said was a later addition

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This parcel of land was owned by Stephen T. Hayt, a prominent figure in Corning's history, in the 1860s. Harriet L. Farwell and Harriet C. Farwell purchased the property from Hayt in 1886. Joseph Gernon bought the house from the Farwells in 1890 for \$1836.00. Gernon is listed as residing here on Heerman's 1893 Map of Corning. In 1903 George Burt an engineer with the Erie Railroad lived here; only his wife, Mrs. Minnie S. Burt is listed as living here in 1905. While Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicated the house was converted to a two-family residence between 1908 and 1913 Corning City Directories indicated that it was divided by 1907, when Fred C. Abernathy, a flagman, was listed as residing at 141 East Second Street and Harry V. Loveless, a clerk was listed as living at 137 East Second Street. In 1909 Abernathy was still living at 141 East Second Street and Frederick M. Gillet, also a flagman, was living at 137 East Second Street.

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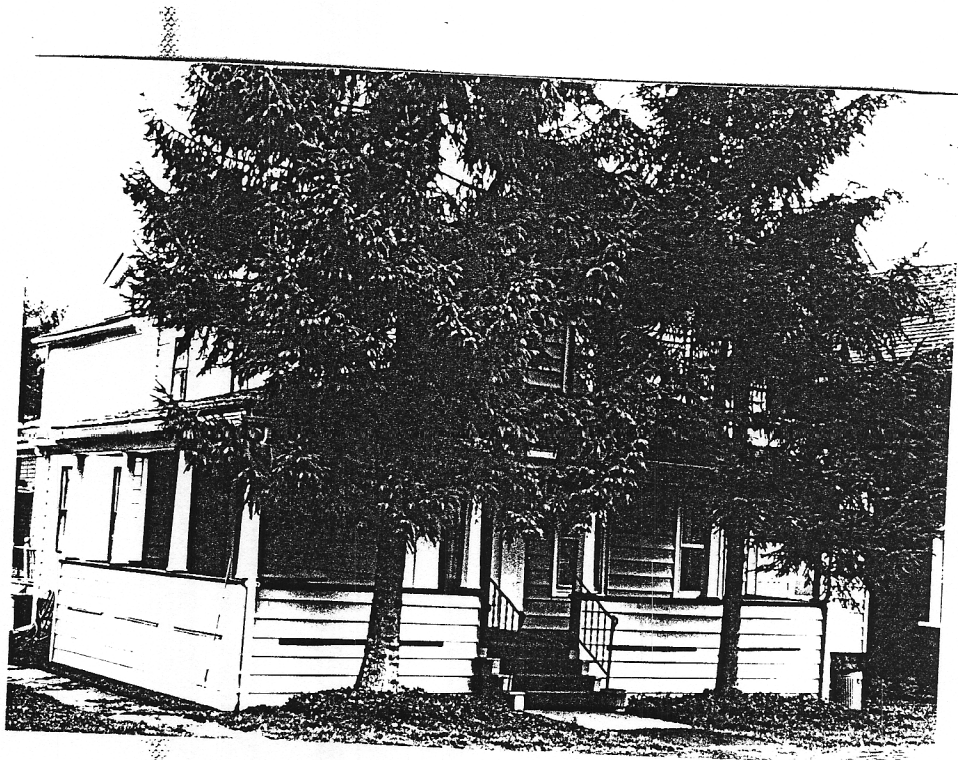
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