

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:

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: ca. 1882

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NO
circa
before 1872

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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

In the 1882 bird's-eye View of Corning this structure resembles a two-story Greek Revival style home, with intersecting gables. As represented on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of 1893 and 1898, the house is L-shaped, as would be likely for a Greek Revival home. It also has two porches on the north facade. By 1903 the structure is clearly divided into two dwellings and the footprint resembles the building as it stands today. There are two rectangular, two-story main areas, joined by one wall. Each dwelling also has two one-story additions to the south and a separate outbuilding. The wagon shed which once stood on the south end of the lot is gone by 1908, as are the outbuildings by 1913. The outbuildings reappear in later maps of 1921-43.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the south side of East Second Street, this residence is in an area filled with dwellings of similar sizes, setbacks and styles. 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. However, no other connected dwellings exist. 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 house is the bird's-eye View of Corning map of 1882, where it appears as a two-story Greek Revival. However, by 1903 the floor plan and structure is clearly that of the current building, which is a double Italianate (McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses) style. The main facades on the north sides of the attached houses which have similar fenestration patterns, and the hipped roofs with overhanging eaves are all representative of this style.

138-142 East Second Street is comprised of two dwellings, attached by one wall. They are each rectangular structures and have hipped roofs. Both dwellings each also have two, one story additions to the south. The exterior walls of the building are covered with aluminum siding and the roof has asphalt shingles. There are also two chimneys, but the foundation is not visible.

142 has a three-bay fenestration pattern in the second floor, while 138 has three windows, but is asymmetrical. All windows on the main facade are of the same size and two over-two sash. Most other windows in the building are of a similar size. The main doors are within the porches on the north facade.

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE: (CONTINUED)

Both dwellings also have full, one-story porches on the north facade. These porches are screened, have flat roofs, and are supported by iron posts.

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 1882, soon after the arrival of the Corning Flint Glass Works in 1868, and during a time of industrial growth in Corning. Prominent landowners, such as William H. Brown, and his family owned, lived in, and rented it until 1941.

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The earliest deed found for this property on lot #7 of block 41 is the 1872 sale to Harvey Burgett from Martha A. Brown. At this time he paid \$2500.00, and this suggests the building may have been present already. However, in 1884, H. Burgett sells the property at a substantially smaller amount of \$800.00 to John W. Darrin. J.W. Darrin sold the property to W.H. Brown in 1884, where it was utilized as a rental property.

William H. Brown and his family owned numerous lots in the city (including lots #1 and 2 in the same block) and in other parts of the county, such as a large farm on which they probably lived. W.H. Brown died in 1904 and it is in the five ensuing years that the lots in block 41 are divided among his wife and children. His sons, Clarence and Thurber, relinquished rights to the properties in this block, instead choosing lots in other blocks. Letitia P. Brown (widow of W.H. Brown), Sarah R. Brown, E. Grace Brown Gertrude brown Jensen (children of W.H. Brown) then proceeded to divide the lots among themselves.

E. Grace Brown (later Grace B. Van Tassel) owned the property from 1909 to 1941. She lived at 138 East Second Street and rented 142 to tenants. In 1941 she sold the house to A. Bernard and Coral B. Speer. The property transferred to Christopher B. Speer after the death of Coral Speer in 1964, who sold it within two years.

Other owners of this property include the following:
Evelyn H. Taylor (1967 to 1972)
Ernest and Marjorie LaMonica (1972 to present)

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21. SOURCES:

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