

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

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**IDENTIFICATION**

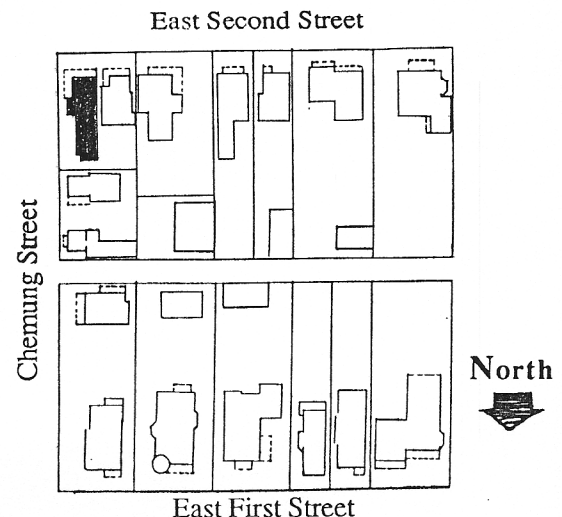
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben                      TOWN/CITY: Corning                      VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 147 East Second Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ X ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Community Progress, Inc.                      ADDRESS: 147 East Second Street
- 6. USE: Original: Single family residential                      Present: Office
- 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): 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 OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
a. barn  b. carriage house  c. garage   
d. privy  e. shed  f. greenhouse   
g. shop  h. gardens   
i. landscape features  
j. other: None

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. 1870

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps indicate that, in 1893, 147 East Second Street consisted of a two-story central block with a one-and-a-half-story wing on the rear (north) facade. Also notable is the presence of a wraparound porch that spans the width of the main (south) facade and continues on the east facade; this has since been replaced by a wraparound porch which mixes Queen Anne-style and Craftsman-style detailing. Between 1898 and 1903 the one-and-a-half-story wing was raised to two-stories and extended further north to the back of the property. A one-story porch was added on the north facade of this wing between 1903 and 1908. Storm windows were added at a later date. The wood square butt shingles are not the original sheathing.

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 but are somewhat inconsistent in their east to west spacing. The parcel of land associated with this house (Block 42, Lot 16) was divided between 1893 and 1898, and the neighboring structure at 145 East Second Street was constructed on the western half of the original lot.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

147 East Second Street is an example of an Italianate-style residence. It is two stories high and its massing is characterized by a two-story rectangular block that is significantly deeper than it is wide with a two-story projection on the east facade. Typical features of the Italianate Style found in this building are the low-pitched hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves, the tall, narrow windows seen on the first floor, and the box-like shape of the structure. The wraparound porch, a later addition, extends across the south facade and part of the east facade until it meets the two-story projection. The main doorway is marked by a pedimented entrance in the porch roof with Queen Anne-style sunburst detailing in its gable end. Like many others in this neighborhood, the porch is constructed of square piers set atop an enclosed balustrade; these elements of the porch suggest Craftsman-style influence.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Heermans' 1893 Map of Corning indicates that Edward H. Gray was living at 147 East Second Street by that date. He was a partner in Gray & Clark, a shoe and boot store located at 35 West Market Street. It is likely that this house was a rental property by the turn of the century. By 1907 Charles P. Buskirk lived in the house; his occupation was listed in the Corning City

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE (continued):

Directory as a jeweler, optician, piano and music dealer with an office at 45 East Market Street. Charles Kahn, who owned a clothing and mens' furnishings business at 64 East Market Street, lived here in 1909. In 1911 D. Howard Kelley was listed as the primary resident.

21. SOURCES:

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