

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: 67 East Second Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public[] b. private [x]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Harold & Rose Cutler ADDRESS: 67 East Second Street
6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Duplex residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes[x]
Interior accessible: Yes[] No[x] Explain
Private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL a. clapboard[x] b. stone[] c. brick[] d. board & batten
e. cobblestone[] f. shingles[] g. stucco[] other:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 - a. wood frame with interlocking joints[x]
 - b. wood frame with light members[]
 - 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[x] b. zoning[] c. roads[]
 d. developers[] e. deterioration[]
 f. other:
15. RELATED OUT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
 a. barn[] b. carriage house[] c. garage[x]
 d. privy[] e. shed[] f. greenhouse[]
 g. shop[] h. gardens[]
 i. landscape features: See Continuation Sheet
 j. other: See Continuation Sheet for 15c
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[x]
 h. other:
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:
 (Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)
 67 East Second Street maintains the setback common to the
 nineteenth century dwellings which face south onto the street. Unlike
 the tall and narrow houses to its east, this two-story Italianate-style
 dwelling sits low and squarely on the landscape.
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:
 (Including interior features if known): See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1860 - 1870

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
 See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

Sanborn Maps, 1888 - 1943
 "Letter from Arthur P. White to Mrs. Sprague." File 38-A.
 Corning-Painted Post Historical Society.
 "Frank White's House." Photographs, ca. 1907. File 38-A (7).
 Corning-Painted Post Historical Society.
 Corning City Directories, 1872 - 1910

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS: Photographs from 1907 show that the present front (south) porch dates at least to the early twentieth century, and that only the balustrade and skirt have been replaced or altered. These photographs also suggest that the original pyramidal roof was truncated at its pinnacle to allow for a ventilator. The result is a low-pitched hipped roof with a sawn balustrade fencing in the ventilator. Sometime after 1907, the clapboard siding was replaced. During this alteration, the original wooden lintels above the windows were either removed or obscured.

Between 1893 and 1898, a two-story bay window was added to the west facade. By 1908, a two-story rear porch was placed on the east corner. In 1912, the house was remodeled, and changed from a single to a two-family residence. Finally, between 1930 and 1943, a two-story enclosed porch was constructed which abuts the bay window. In the last twenty years, another porch, this one an enclosed, raised rear porch, was added.

15c. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS--GARAGE: A circa 1920 one-car, gabled garage faces on the rear alley. Its construction is stuccoed concrete block; its roof is asphalt shingle.

15i. LANDSCAPE FEATURES: The property is one of two full-sized lots on the south half of Corning City Block 49. The house itself cuts into the slope leading downward from the street, so that the basement is exposed in the rear, allowing for a full-height entrance.

18. NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE: The plan of this Italianate-style house is that of a main, forward square and a rectangular, north-corner block. The fenestration pattern of the front facade is asymmetric; the front entrance is slightly off center.

The house rests on a coursed stone foundation. Two-over-two sash windows, sometimes paired, predominate. The low-pitched hipped roof (see above for alterations) is clad in asphalt shingles. The roof eaves are wide; they overhang the exterior walls. No brackets are present, but a wide cornice band runs beneath the eaves. Three brick end chimneys (two on the east facade, one on the west) with corbelled caps are present.

The Queen Anne-style front porch is the most unique characteristic of this house. Elaborate details include turned balusters, turned post supports with bulls-eye embellishments, a turned spindle frieze, and cut fan-like brackets. The gabled entry bay has fan-like brackets, a sunburst triangular spandrel panel, and square moldings along the edge of the gable. The porch has a shed roof. Its wooden skirt is patterned with open squares.

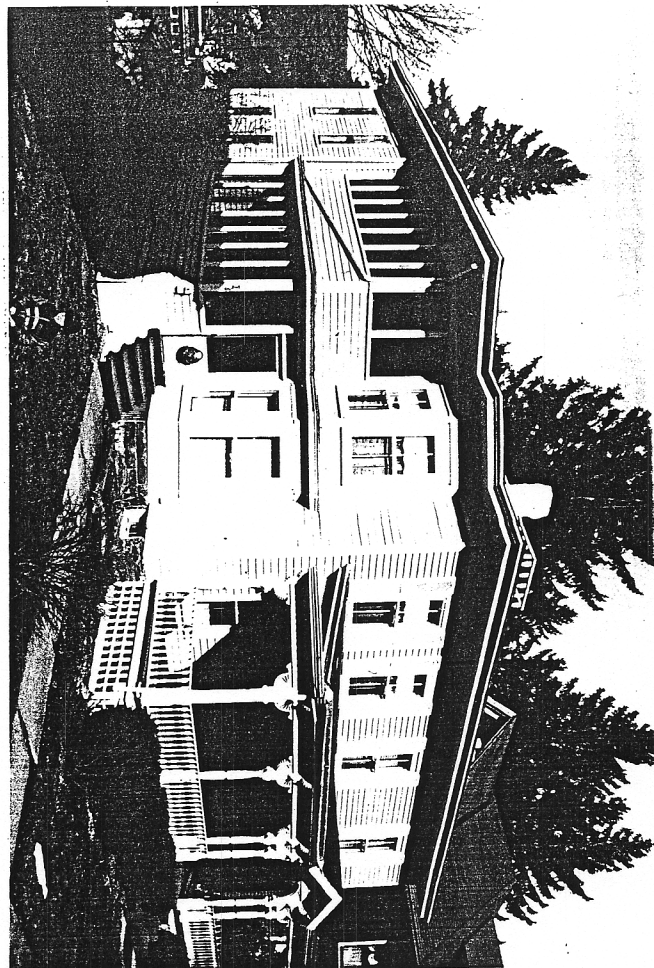
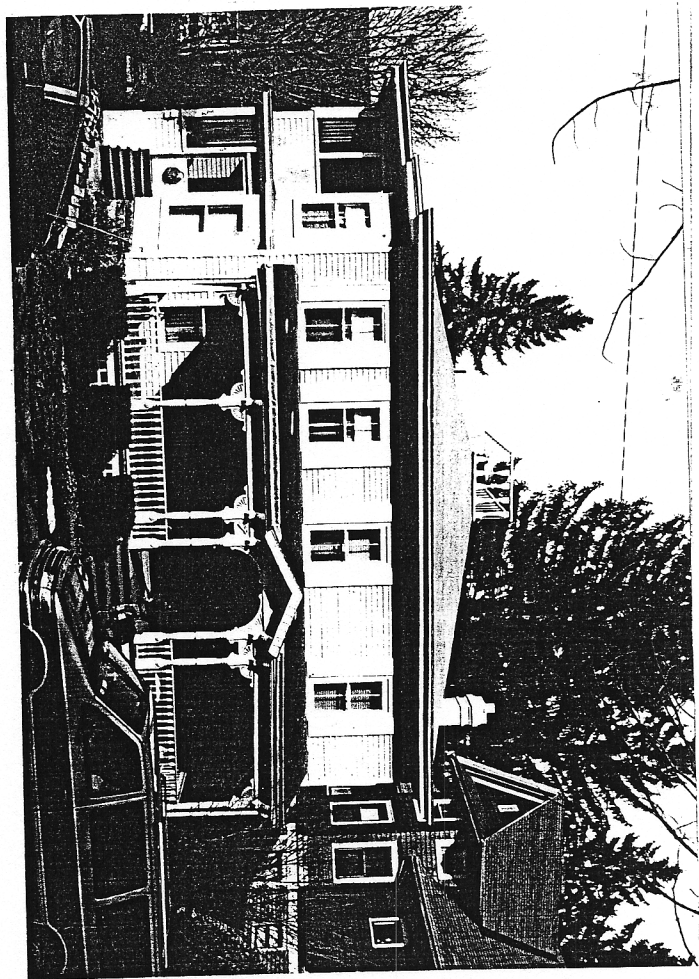
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According to a 1907 photograph of this porch, these squares may have originally been solid and ornamental.

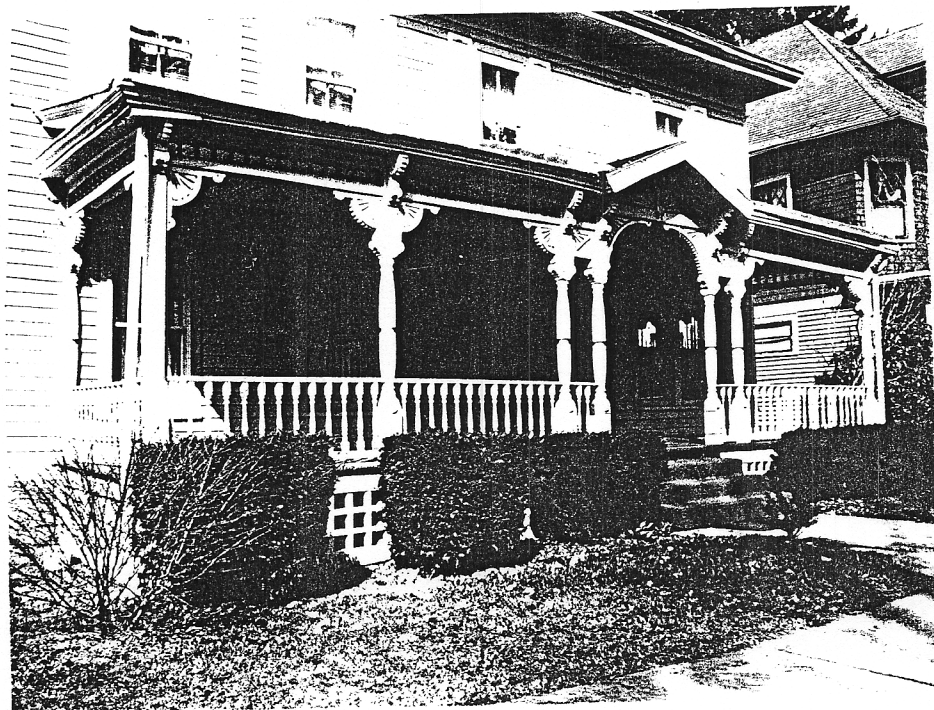
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: According to Steuben County Deeds, the property was improved upon between 1860 and 1865, and sold during the latter year for \$550.00 more than it had in the former. This indicates, most probably, that the house was constructed during the five year interval.

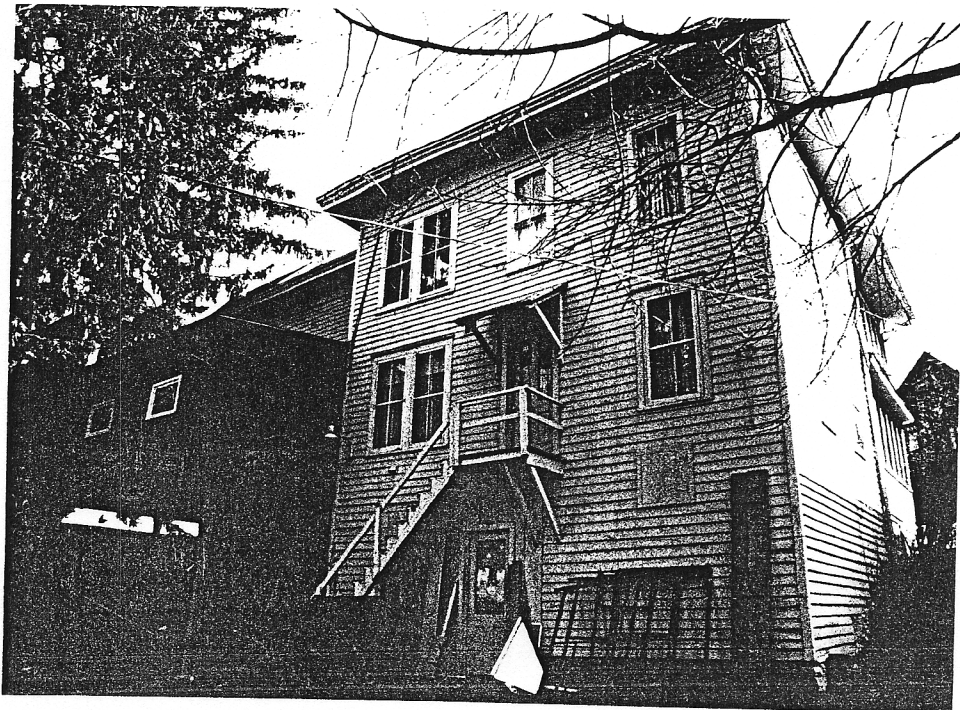
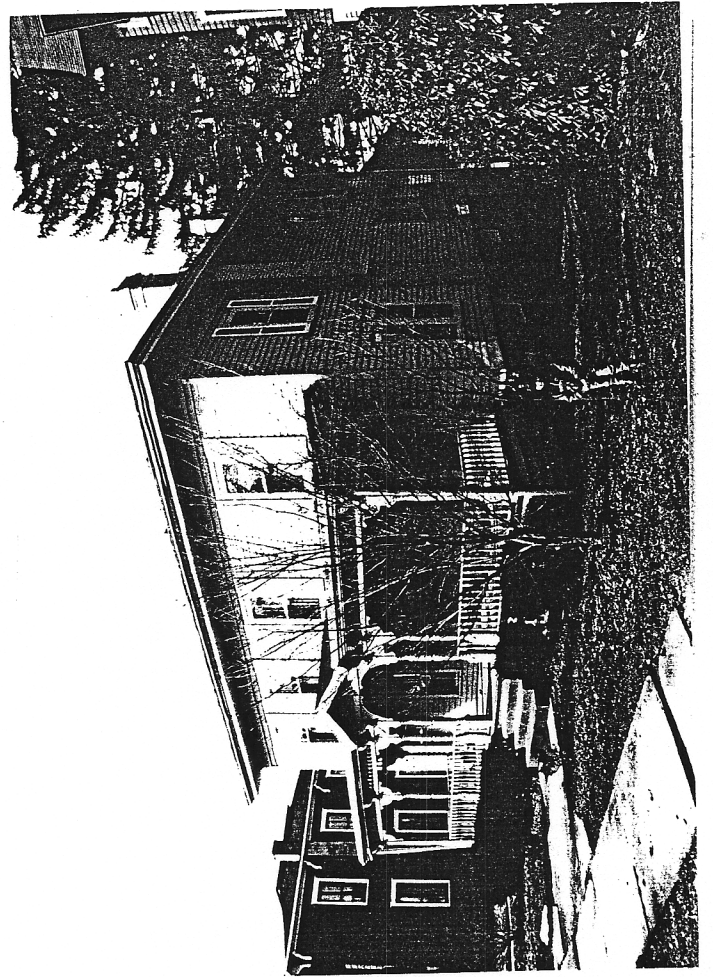
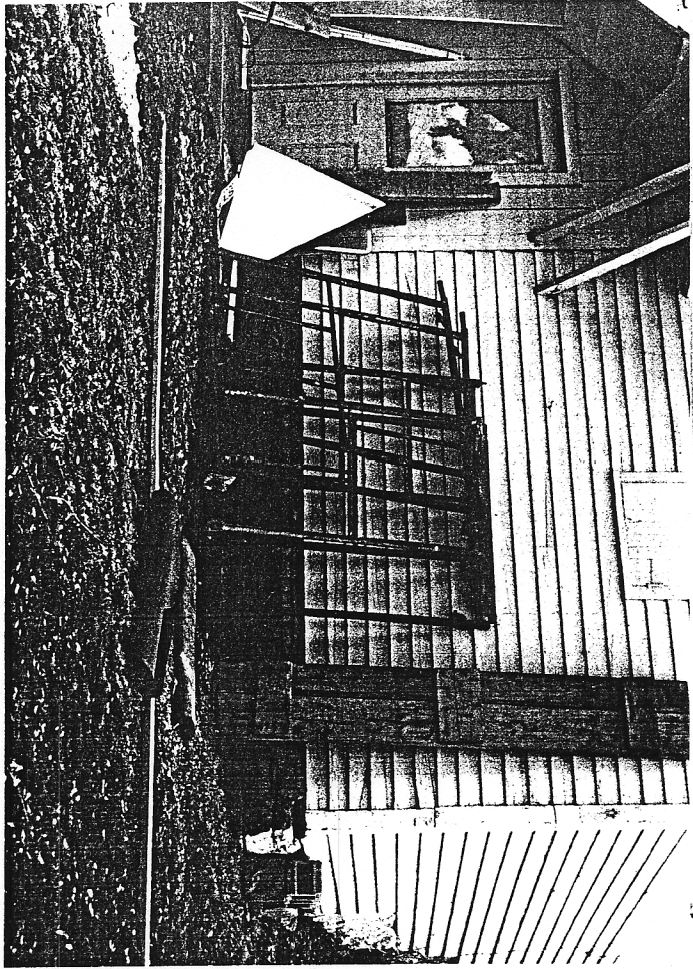
One early owner of this house was George Heermans, of "Preston & Heermans," a highly successful foundry in Corning which manufactured "steam engines, boilers, etc." Heermans resided on East Second Street from about 1872 until the mid-1890s. The Heermans family was one of Corning's most prominent during the last three decades of the nineteenth century.

Architecturally, this Italianate-style house represents an earlier period of construction than most of the other houses facing south on East Second Street.



67 East Second





67 E. 2nd

← rear