

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM  
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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  
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: 79 East Second Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public[ ] b. private [x] ADDRESS: 79 East Second Street
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Florence Ruocco Present: Residence
- 6. USE: Original: Residence Present: 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[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[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)  
49. This is one of three gable front houses on this side of city Block  
The house's setback is conforms with those of late nineteenth-  
century buildings on the north side of East Second Street. This house  
and 75 East Second Street share Lot 13, Block 49. The property  
associated with 79 East Second Street includes three-fourths of the lot,  
leaving its neighbor with only the southwest quarter of the original  
lot.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:  
(Including interior features if known): See Continuation Sheet

### SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1888 - 1893

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

Sanborn Maps, 1888 - 1930 (updated to 1948)  
Corning City Directories, 1868 - 1916

22. THEME:

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Corning, NY

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS: Between 1898 and 1903 the existing rear bay window was attached to the house. A compatible two-and-a-half story rear frame addition was constructed ca. 1950 - 1960. Abutting this alteration is a frame, one-story, one-bay lean-to feature raised above the basement level of the addition on square wooden piers; wooden stairs lead to this entrance.

15c. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS--GARAGE: The property includes a ca. 1913 - 1921 six-car, rectangular garage. The garage faces north onto the alley between East First and East Second streets. A hipped roof with asphalt shingles protects the molded concrete block structure.

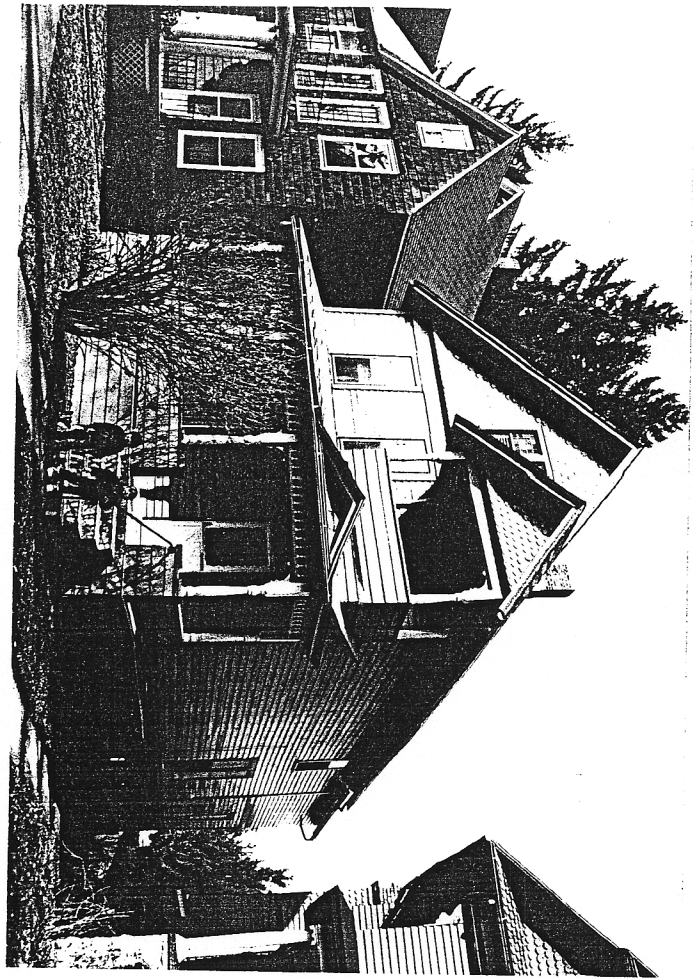
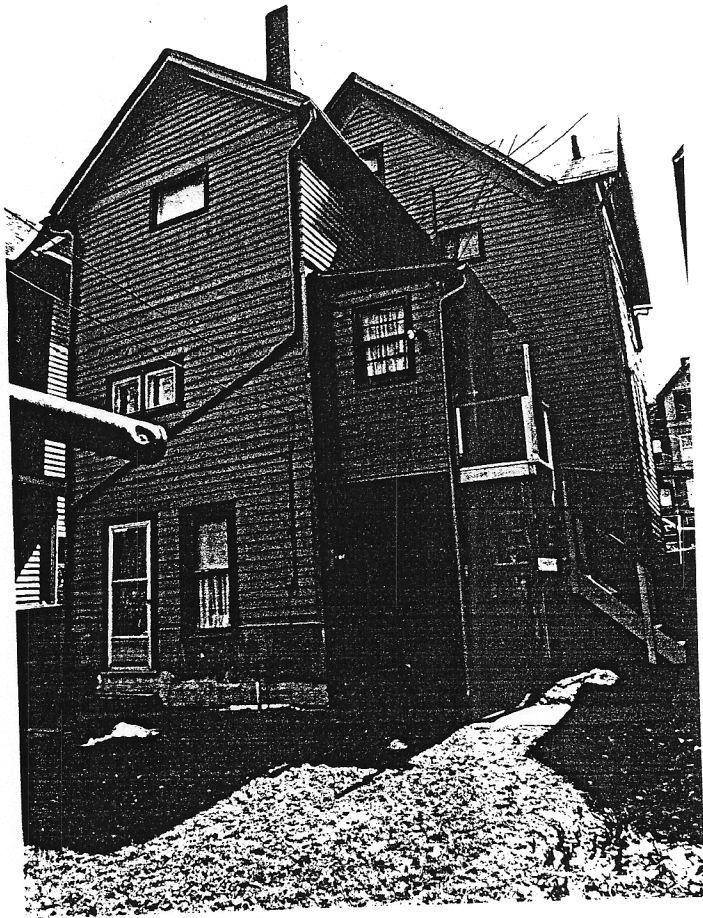
15i. LANDSCAPE FEATURES: A stepped walk leads from the house down a steep slope to the garage on the alley.

18. NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE: In American Vernacular Design, 1870-1940, Gottfried and Jennings identify this type of house as an "open gable cottage." This rectangular, two-and-a-half story, gable front residence has a rear cross gable on its north side. The front (south) facade displays a simple Eastlake porch on the first story and a one-bay, gabled matching porch on the second floor above the main entrance. Both porches have clapboarded skirts and asphalt shingle roofs. Scalloped shingles are used to ornament the tympanums of both the pedimented entry on the first-story porch and the gable end of the second-story porch. This matches the treatment found on the dwelling's front gable end.

The house stands on a masonry foundation parged in a cementitious material. Most of the windows are one-over-one double-hung sash, but those in the gable end are paired Queen Anne sash. A brick flue rises from the center of the house.

The rear addition (see 11c. above) lies on a raised concrete foundation, and has clapboard siding and an asphalt-shingled gable roof. There is a brick flue in the north corner of the addition. While the form of this addition suggests an earlier construction date than the mid-twentieth century, the Sanborn Maps record no such alteration before 1948.

20. During the first two decades after its construction, 79 East Second Street was home to Zeno C. Marriot, a newspaper printer. By 1903, Marriot was working on the Corning Journal.



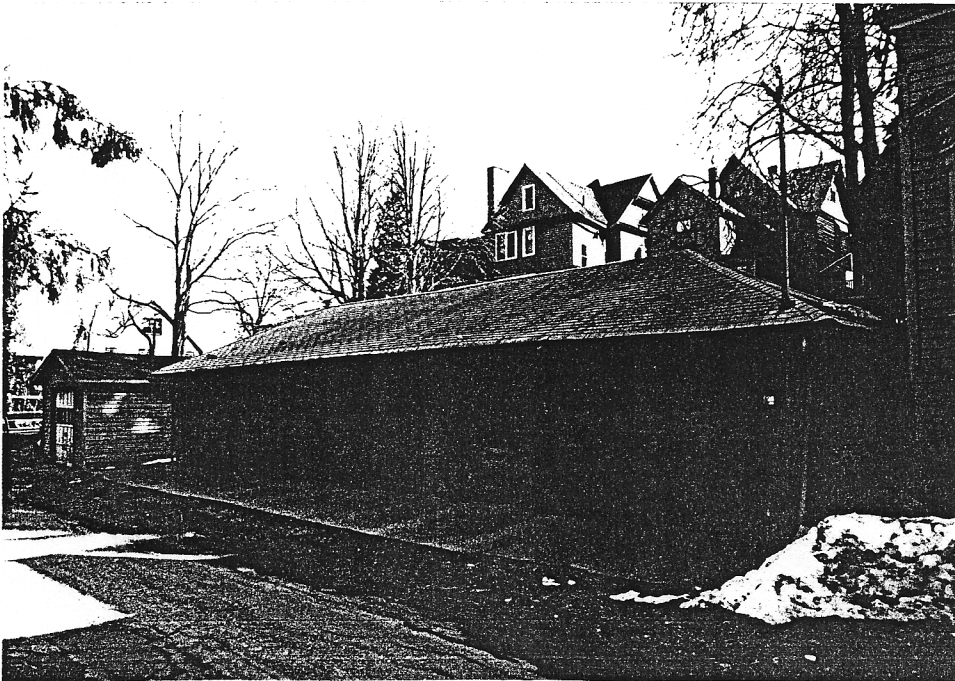
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