

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: 47 West Sixth Street  
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]  
5. PRESENT OWNER: Thomas W. Ehrman ADDRESS: Same as above  
6. USE: Original: Private residence Present: Private 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[ ] other: vinyl 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[X] b. good[ ] 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 OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: a. barn[ ] b. carriage house[ ]  
c. garage[X]  
d. privy[ ] e. shed[ ] f. greenhouse[ ]  
g. shop[ ] h. gardens[ ]  
i. landscape features

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING: (Check more than one if necessary)  
a. open land[X] b. woodland[ ]  
c. scattered buildings[X]  
d. densely built-up[ ] e. commercial[ ]  
f. industrial[ ] g. residential[X]  
h. other:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

See Continuation Sheet

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

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1953

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

The house retains almost all of its original features. In 1977, the original cladding of aluminum siding was replaced with vinyl siding. The same year, a small gabled folk cottage dating from the early 20th century was torn down on the adjacent lot. The land on which the house stood, newly acquired by the current owner of 47 West Sixth Street, was cleared and leveled the same year. The land between the demolished house and the northern half of the east facade was filled in with railroad siding and bounded by a high wooden fence. Between 1980 and 1982, a projecting bay covering the western half of the north facade was added. In early 1994, a picture window with sidelights (see photograph) near the southwest corner of the south facade was replaced with a projecting bay window.

15i. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

The house has a garage located to the immediate northeast of the house. The property is bounded on the north, east, and west borders by a high wooden fence.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The structure is inconsistent with its neighbors in size and east-to-west separation, but setback.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The structure at 47 West Sixth Street is an example of a Ranch-style house, as described in the McAlesters' A Field Guide to American Houses. The house exhibits characteristics common to this style, including one-story horizontal massing, a low pitched roof, and a large picture or bay window on the front (south) facade.

The south (main) facade has an entrance door placed slightly off-center behind a concrete block stoop. Between the door and the southwest corner, there is a projecting multipane bay window. There is a picture window with sidelights near the southeast corner. Between the entrance door and this window, there are paired one-over-one double-hung windows.

The east facade features no windows and other ornamentation. The west facade has a one-over-one double-hung window at the northwest and southwest corners. An exterior brick chimney parged with concrete rises from this facade. The north facade consists of a one-story projecting bay covering the western half of the facade. The projecting bay features wraparound sliding glass windows and one-over-one double-hung windows on the rest of the facade. An entrance in the reentrant angle of the ell formed by the projecting gabled wall is accessed by a wooden deck.

The house has a concrete block foundation parged with poured concrete. The house is clad with vinyl siding, and it has an asphalt roof. The garage, located at the northeast corner of the house, has a low pitched roof, novelty siding in the gable end facing south, and has cinderblock walls resting on a concrete block foundation. Most of the windows in the garage are two-over-two double-hung sash.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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47 West Sixth Street  
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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the southern half of Lot #10 of Block 70, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning.

The property was vacant until 1953, when the house was built. The land was previously associated with a dwelling on Lot #9, now demolished. In 1954, the property was sold by Leonard Parker, a Corning Glass Works employee, to Robert Van Etten, a resident of Painted Post, in 1962. The house was purchased in 1967 by its current owner and occupant.

21. SOURCES:

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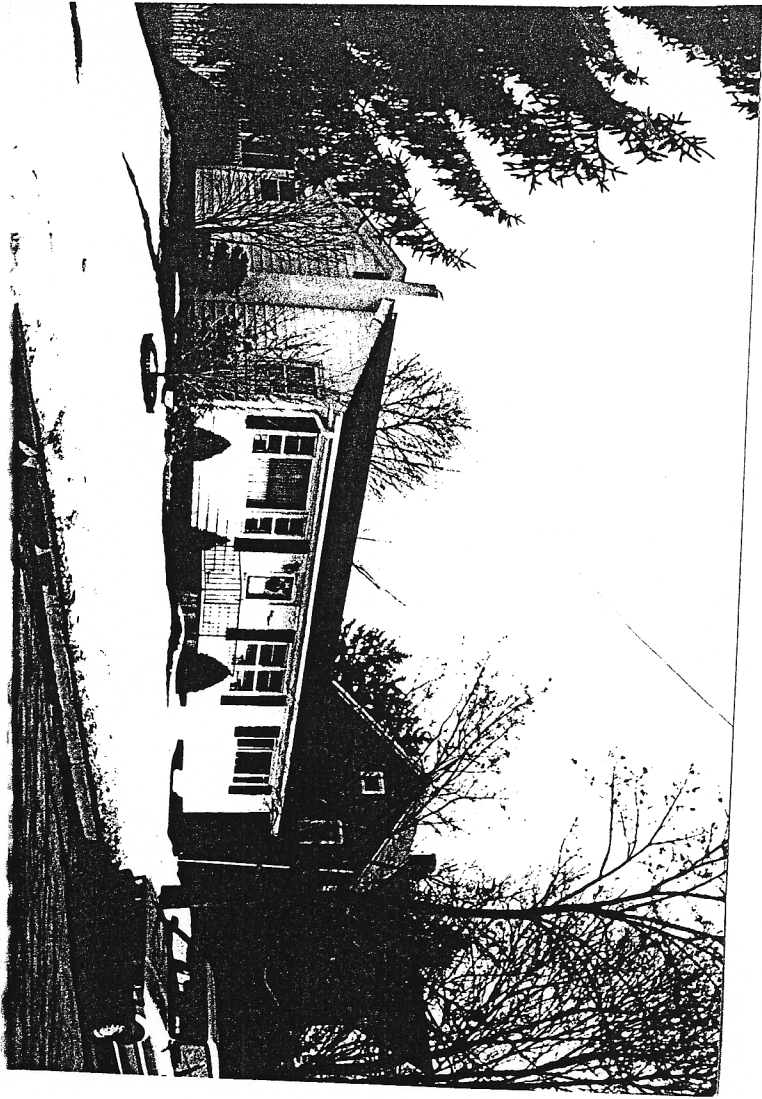
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS: (To be attached later)



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