

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

YOUR NAME: MARK PIERCE

DATE: Dec. 6, 1992

YO

UR ADDRESS: 106 W. Sibley Hall

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation Planning Workshop, Cornell University

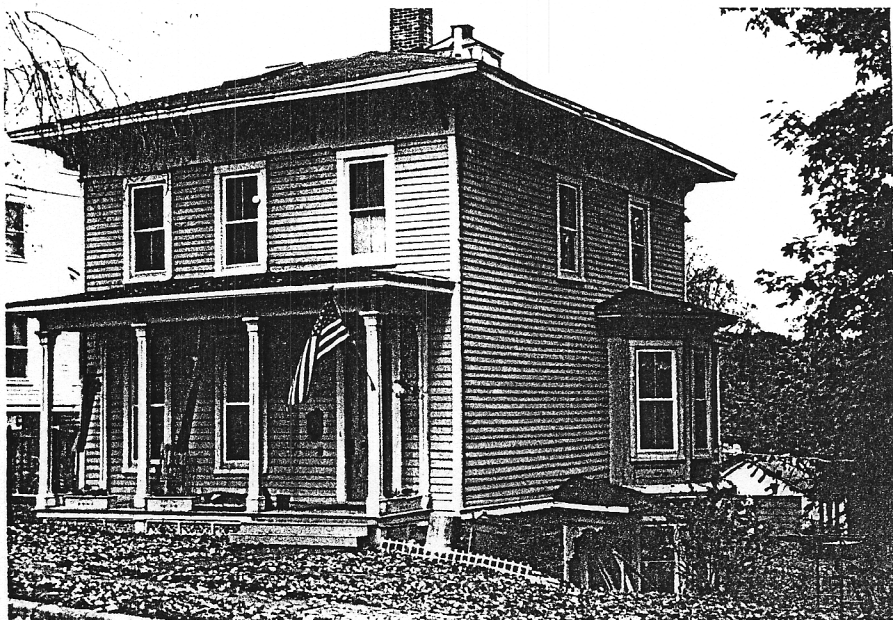
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**IDENTIFICATION**

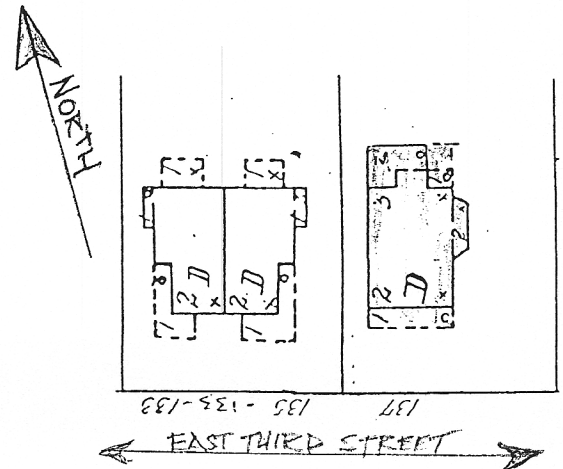
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 137 East Third Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ X ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Ron and Kim Abbott ADDRESS: 137 East Third Street
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [ X ] No [ ]  
Interior accessible: Yes [ ] No [ X ] Explain: private residence

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard [ X ] b. stone [ ] c. brick [ ] d. board & batten [ ]  
e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [ ] 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 [ 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



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 [ ]  
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 [ X ]  
h. other:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING 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:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

1888-Main house first appears with a full width front porch and a small projecting structure on the rear (north) of the house

1903- A canted bay has been added to the east side of the house sometime after 1898.

1908- An small one-story structure has been added to the north west corner of the house since 1903.

1992- No major changes have been made since 1908.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house is situated on the north side of East Third Street and is located among residences that display a mix of architectural styles from different time periods. This residence at 137 East Third Street has a slightly deeper setback from the road than others on the street and represents a more pure form of a specific architectural style than do the neighboring houses.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

Displaying a square box shape and a low pitched hip roof with wide overhanging eaves this house is typical of the Italianate Style of architecture. The wide cornice is decorated with delicately carved brackets. As stated in A Field Guide To American Houses (McAlester) the Italianate Style began in England where residential designs were patterned after the styles of informal Italian farmhouses. The Italianate Style was popular in New York State between 1850 and 1890.

This house is situated on a lot that slopes away from the road so that the front (south) facade of the house is two stories high with about 8 inches of the foundation protruding above grade. The rear (north) facade of the house is three stories, the bottom story being a walkout basement. The sloping topography of the lot is evident on the east and west facades with the southern most corners of these two facades being two stories and the northern corners being three stories. The front (south) facade of 137 East Third Street has a one-story porch that extends the full width of the house on this side. It repeats the same gently sloping hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves supported by brackets seen on the house. The cornice brackets, although smaller than those on the house, repeat the same profile. The porch is supported by four posts that are square with chamfered corners, also typical of the Italianate Style. The northern half of the east facade, which is three stories high, is ornamented by a two-story canted bay with tall narrow double-hung windows in each of the three sides on both stories of the bay. The bay starts at basement level and extends up to the first floor level. This bay, although not an original part of the structure, matches the Italianate Style of the existing house. The rear (north) facade, which as stated earlier is three stories, has a smaller square shaped structure projecting out from the main part of the house. It extends the full three stories of the house and was a part of the original structure. The west facade has no building projections, however it does have a deck on grade that appears to have been added between 1987 and 1992.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Isaiah Dow and his wife, Carrie, who were from Elmira, New York, purchased lot #15 on block # 41 on which the house at 137 East Third Street now stands in 1872 from John Hermans for \$450. Mr. Hermans was the owner of the Corning Stone Company and a local land agent. Sometime between 1872 and 1888 the house was built. There is no record of the Dows having ever lived in the residence. Mr. and Mrs. Dow sold the property to Elizabeth Clemson of Middletown, New York, for \$3,800 on Jan. 17, 1899. The Stasch family bought the residence from Ms. Clemson in 1905 and resided there for over twenty years. Mr. Emil Stasch, Sr. was the President of Corning Manufacturing Company of 9 East Erie Avenue.

21. SOURCES: Corning City Directories; Steuben County Deeds; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1921, 1930.

MAP INFORMATION:

1888- House exists; property owned by Isaiah Dow of Elmira

1903- Cantled bay that exists on east facade first appears on map.

1908- An addition is added to the rear ofg the strucvture.

1930- The addition to rear of structure is still there, however sometime between 1930 and the present it has been removed.

CITY DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

1903-137 East Third Street: Robert Woods, commercial traveler

1905: Emil R Stasch Sr. ; President of Corning Manufacturing Company, 9 East Erie Avenue. Home: 137 East Third Street.

1912 - Same as 1905

1913-14 - Same as 1912

1919-1920 - Same as 1913