

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

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**IDENTIFICATION**

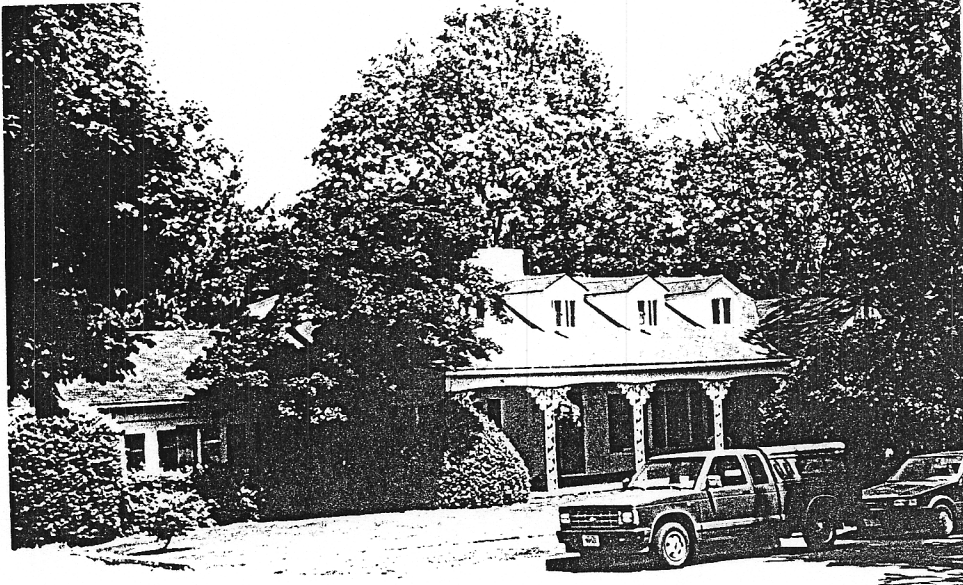
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 15 East Third Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ x ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Jacob Welch ADDRESS: 15 East Third St.  
Present: Residential
- 6. USE: Original: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: 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 [ x ] 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 [ ] 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:

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 BUILDING 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: 1954

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house had a setback deeper than the typical setback on the older homes along East Third street. However, the use of landscaping and trees on the lot does help integrate this low structure into the streetscape.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This Ranch Style home has a central block with a flared side-gable roof with a smaller eastern wing. An attached one-and-a-half car garage wing is on the western end of the house. There are four gable dormers with casement windows on the front facade with a large central chimney set centrally behind them. The house is clad entirely in painted brick. Decorative dentil courses appear on both wings.

There is a large ground-level porch under an extension of the flared gable on the front facade. The porch is supported by a series of decorative metal struts, and has a wide wooden trim piece with a wavy pattern set at the top of the supports. The largest of the casement windows are those near the porch. The doorway area is slightly recessed from the facade so that the door itself could be constructed perpendicular to the wall plane.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This ca. 1954 house was built for William L. Bong Jr and his wife Bettie Bong. Mr. Bong was the third generation owner of Bong's Jewelry Store, open in Corning since 1892 and still operating under the ownership of Mr. Bong's son at this time. The Bongs lived in this house until the late 1980s.

21. SOURCES:

Map of the City of Corning, New York, Corning: Harry C. Heermans, City Engineer, 1893.