

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): *Fletcher Block*
- 2. COUNTY: *Stauben* TOWN/CITY: *Coming* VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: *138/140 Wall Street*
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: *Robert L. and Loretta Ecklin* ADDRESS: *248 Cedar Street, Coming*
- 6. USE: Original: *Residential* Present: *Rental dwelling (8 units)*
- 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 [ ]
  - c. masonry load bearing walls [X]
  - 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):
- 12. PHOTO:
- 13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
d. developers  e. deterioration   
f. other:

15. RELATED OUT BUILDINGS 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 BUILDINGS 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: According to Sanborn maps, built between 1903 and 1908

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES

According to Sanborn maps, between 1908 and 1913 the building contained three units (Wall Street numbers 134, 136 and 140). Between 1913 and 1921 the building was remodelled to include one more unit (138 Wall Street). Presently the building has 8 units.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the east side of Wall Street this house is one of a series of Queen Anne-style buildings. It stands out as the only urban example within the style. Its setback is similar to that of the rest of the buildings in the block but its north to south spacing is narrower.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

Built as a two-story block of flats in the early twentieth century, this brick structure exhibits elements of masonry-constructed Queen Anne-style urban buildings. These features include the variety of window sizes and shapes and the multi-level projecting bays, as seen on the main (west) facade. A two-story full width porch covers this same facade. A false cornice with brackets is used on the main facades to obscure the receding pitch of roof as its slope diminishes from west to east. A band of panels and frieze windows are located just below the cornice; one of the panels has a stone or cement block carved with the designation "Fletcher Block". There are three entry doors on the symmetrical main facade, one in the center and one on each side of the projecting bays. The windows in the bays are wide one-over-one double-hang sash, while windows on the south side are borrowed and set in segmental arches but also with one-over-one sash. The foundation is faced with cut stone. To the rear, the facade is complicated with an inappropriate porch and balcony addition and a central exterior stairway. The exterior walls are made of exposed brick.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Originally a part of Lot #1 on Block #43, Mrs. A. J. Robinson was among the owners of this parcel prior to 1893. Between 1903 and 1908 the parcel was divided into three smaller units along Wall Street, the one located at the south end being #134/140 Wall Street. Among the first occupants of the building was Lloyd B. Huguenor, whose name appears in the City Directory of Corning during the years 1909 and 1910. Later the property had different occupants who remained in the property for various periods of time.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE (continued):

ranging from two to five years which suggests that they were renters. In general they were employees and professionals who represented the middle class of the early twentieth century in Corning.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Tax Assesment Files City Hall of Corning; Bath County Deeds; Historical Society of Corning; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930; Maps of Corning 1857 and 1893.



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