

**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: *Stauben* TOWN/CITY: *Coming* VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: *139 Wall Street*
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [  ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: *Loretta S. Ecklin* ADDRESS: *248 Cedar Street*
- 6. USE: Original: *Residential* Present: *Rental dwelling (4 units)*
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [  ] No [ ]  
Interior accessible: Yes [ ] No [  ] Explain: *Private Residence*

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard [  ] 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 [  ]  
c. masonry load bearing walls [ ]  
d. metal (explain)  
e. other
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent [ ] b. good [  ] c. fair [ ] d. deteriorated [ ]
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site [  ] 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)

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: According to Sanborn maps, built between 1898 and 1903.

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. REFERENCES:

ii. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES

- c.1. In 1967 a building permit was approved for an unspecified improvement, the estimated cost was \$ 200.
- c.2. A one-story full-width porch was removed from the east facade after 1948.
- c.3. A two-story porch on the west facade apparently was replaced by a narrower two-story porch between 1908 and 1913. After 1930 this second porch was also removed.
- c.4. At unknown dates (probably post-1930) the house was remodelled into three and four units.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the east side of Wall Street this house is one of a series of buildings exhibiting Queen Anne-style elements. These buildings are examples of different variations within the style. This structure integrates well with this interesting group of similarly massed structures with Free-Classic and simplified Queen Anne style, while making an interesting contrast with the urban Queen Anne building located at the other side of the street. These houses have similar setbacks and north to south spacing.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This house is a simplified Queen Anne-style dwelling with cross gables. The main (east) facade overlooks Wall Street and its gable end has decorative scalloped shingles around a small window and an asymmetrically placed entrance on the north end of the facade. The detailing of the cross gable ends is similar to that of the main facade. On the north side the first story of the projecting bay has a clipped corner. The windows are one-over-one double-hung sash in varying sizes. The house is sided in clapboard and has an asphalt shingle roof. The foundation is obscured by a cementitious material. The west facade has a centered secondary entrance with shed roof and has continuous clapboard siding including the gable.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Originally a part of Lot # 16 on Block # 48 this parcel was probably first acquired prior to 1887 by Mrs. B. W. Payne who also owned lots 14 and 15 of this block. The lot was sold for development by Frank J. Saxton and Jeannette Saxton in 1905. Since its earliest times this property has been the home of working people of Corning, the middle class who worked for the development of the City. Earlier occupants were barbers, dressmakers, employees, etc. Some of the family names associated with the property are: Schonleber (1905 to 1912), Sorensen (1913 to 1925), Mahaffey (1927 to 1930), and

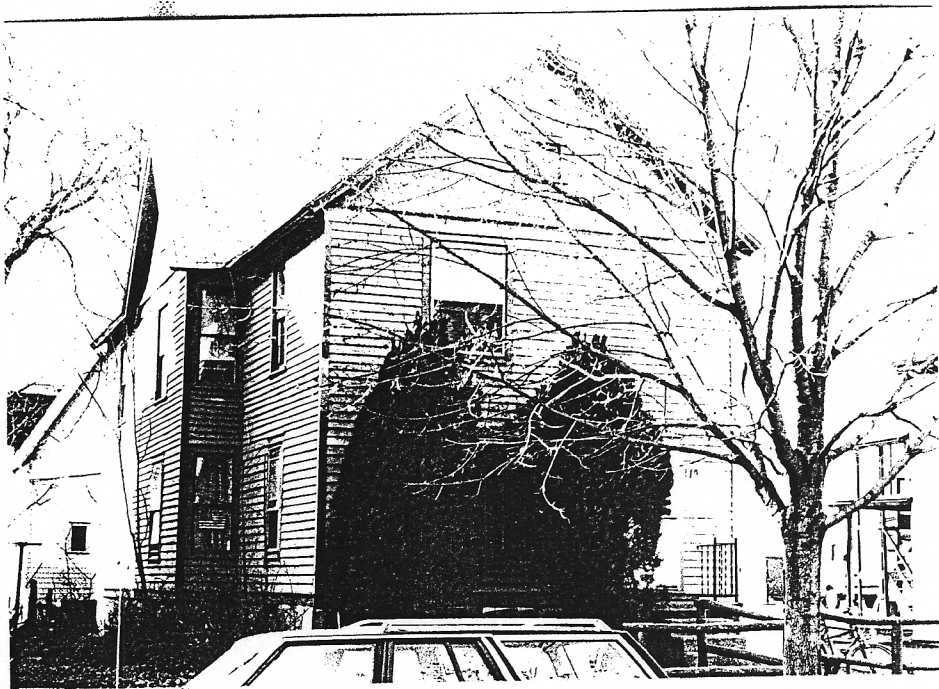
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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE (continued):

Stryker (1931). In 1958 the property was bought from Mc Cahe, by Donald L. and Clara B. Mc Cahe. More recent owners of the property were Walter Kern (1965 to 1980) and Loretta Ecklin, who is the current owner and also owns the property in 138/140 Wall Street located across the street.

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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