

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: Coming VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 184-186 Wall Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Joseph W. & Gail A. Strawway ADDRESS: 186 Wall 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 [] b. stone [] c. brick [] d. board and batten []
e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [] g. stucco [] other: vinyl siding
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints []
(if known) 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):

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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: ca. 1857

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11.c. INTEGRITY-List major alterations and dates (if known):

This Greek Revival style house was constructed as two rectangular, two-story areas, attached at their corners. In 1893 a small single-story addition was made on the southeast corner. By 1903, the gable which follows a north-south direction on the eastern end of the building was constructed. The central two-story area of what forms 184 Wall Street today, was also added to the north, and two porches were constructed in the west facades of the house. A small outbuilding was also built near the northeast corner of the house. By 1908, two one-story entry porches were added to the northwest corners of each of the two parts, as well as a porch on the northeast facade, to the rear. This porch disappears by 1913 and another was added to the north wall of the front structure, which has been demolished since. A deck was added to the east facade of the house in 1983 and an enclosed porch was constructed by the north side, but overall the building has remained the same since 1913. The garage was built in 1992.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the east side of Wall Street, by the alley between Second and Third streets, this large, subdivided structure is in an area filled with homes in a variety of styles, including Italianates and Queen Annes. It has a fairly large setback along Wall Street, as compared to others nearby.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The earliest representation of this structure is the 1857 Atlas of Steuben County which depicts it as two rectangular masses connected at their corners. Although various additions have been made to the house, it continues to represent the Greek Revival style in the elements of the gables that run perpendicular to each other, and the returns in them.

184-186 Wall Street consists of three major areas, each of two stories. Two gables, which run in a north-south direction, are intersected by one, which runs in an east west direction. An open porch is located on the northwest corner of the structure and is labeled 184, while an enclosed porch and single-story addition in the southeast end are labelled 186. Another entry porch and deck can be found on the east side.

The exterior walls are covered in vinyl siding, and the roof has asphalt shingles and is pierced by one chimney. The foundation is parged stone.

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE: (CONTINUED)

There is a great variety of fenestration patterns, and types and sizes of windows, throughout the structure. The main gable end, which faces onto Wall Street, contains the only symmetrical pattern of windows (two per story). Doors are not readily visible, but are located on the northwest porch, southwest enclosed porch, and east side.

The porch on the northwest corner has an enclosed balustrade and a shed roof, supported by two square piers. An overhanging roof exists on the southwest corner of the one-story addition.

A separate garage, which opens onto the alley, is located to the east of the house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The importance of this structure within the Southside neighborhood of Corning relates to its early construction and rare Greek Revival style. It was built in approximately 1857, before the other properties on lots #1 and 2 of block 41 were constructed, and was probably resided in by the owners. When the Corning Flint Glass Works and other industries appeared after 1878, numerous structures were built to house the new workers. This house is important as being a structure that was present before the jump in population and housing, related to the growth of industry, in the latter third of the nineteenth century.

In 1855, lot #1 of block 41, on which the majority of the house stands, was sold to Lorenzo D. Dodge by Joseph Fellows. Later, in 1855 and in 1867, L.D. and Delia C. Dodge sold the south and north halves of the lot, respectively, to William H. Cunningham. This house on the south half of the lot was constructed ca. 1857. W.H. and Phebe Cunningham then sold the entire lot to Hiram Pritchard. In 1868, H. and Lucinda Pritchard sold both lots #1 and 2 to Benjamin W. Payne for \$1500.00. One year later, and at over a tripled sum (\$5000.00) B.W. Payne sold the two lots, which now contained at least four rental properties, to W.H. Brown.

William H. Brown and his family owned numerous lots in the city (including lot #7 in the same block) and in other parts of the county, such as a large farm on which they probably lived. W.H. Brown died in 1904 and it is in the ensuing five years that this land in block 41 is divided among his wife and children. His sons, Clarence and Thurber, relinquished rights to the properties, instead choosing lots in other blocks. Letitia P. Brown (widow of W.H. Brown), Sarah R. Brown, E. Grace Brown, and Gertrude Brown Jensen (children of W.H. Brown) then proceeded to divide the lots in block 41 among themselves.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: (CONTINUED)

Letitia P. Brown received the south parts of lots #1 and 2, upon which 184-186 Wall Street is found today, in 1909. She did not live in this building, but instead rented it out. One of the notable tenants was Dr. John McNamara, a veterinarian who lived and had his practice located in the two parts of the structure. In 1919, John and Laura McNamara purchased the building from Letitia P. Brown. They resided and worked there until the doctor's death in 1962. Later owners of the house include Truman R. Campbell(1962-77), Robert M. Campbell (March 4 to October 6, 1977) and Joseph W. and Gail A. Strawway (1977 to present, the owners who added the deck in 1983 and the two-car garage in 1992).

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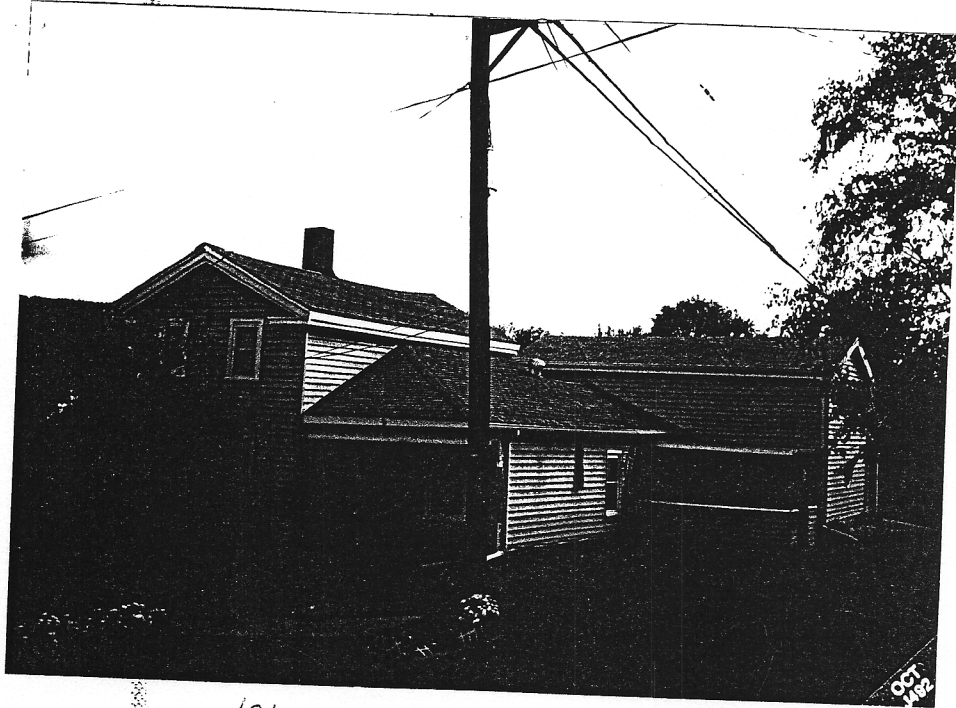
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