

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: MARK PIERCE

DATE: Dec. 6, 1992

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

IDENTIFICATION

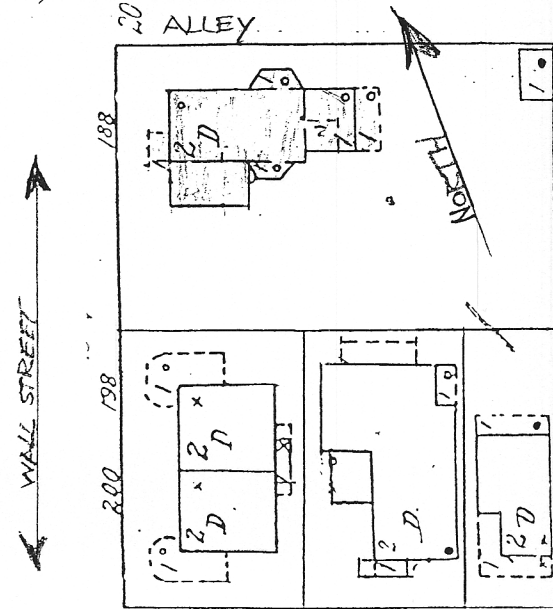
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 188 Wall Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Robert and Marcia Bennitt ADDRESS: 188 Wall Street
- 6. USE: Original: RESIDENTIAL Present: RESIDENTIAL
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [X] No []
Interior accessible: Yes [] No [X] Explain: private residence

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard [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 [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): 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 [X]
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)

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: ca. 1880

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:

1893- a canted bay was added to the southside of the house and the front porch was extended around the corner from the front of the house to extend along the south side. These alterations took place sometime after 1888.

1898- A canted bay has been added to the north side of the house sometime since 1893.

1903- A porch has been added to the rear of the structure since 1898.

1908- No change

1921- No change

1930- No change

1992- A large enclosed porch has been added to the southwest corner of the house. A second story porch has been added to the rear of the structure. Both these alterations took place sometime after 1930.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This residence sets on the east side of Wall Street and shares the same large size as its neighbors. However, this house has a considerably larger lot and a deeper setback from the street than do its neighbors. This house is also much older than neighboring structures.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This large house is designed in the Italianate Style of architecture. As noted in *A Field Guide To American Architecture* (McAlester), "the two stories with the low pitched gently sloping hipped roof and the wide overhanging eaves with the decorative brackets are the main identifying features of this style. The tall narrow windows and the three ranked facade are also typical of this style.

This house is sided with narrow wood clapboards. The front (west) facade has a small one story porch over the entrance door that is supported by two square columns. The corbeled chimney, located at the center of the house is evident from the front facade. The 6 panel entrance door with narrow side lights on either side of the door is not a typical entrance for an Italianate style house. This indicates that the original entrance to this structure was probably replaced at some point in the past. Also evident from this front facade is a large enclosed one story porch. This porch was probably added some time after 1930. The north facade includes a small one story projecting canted bay. This bay has the same gently sloping roof and wide overhanging eaves as the main house. The south facade includes the same style of projecting canted bay. The rear (east) facade has several attached structures that have been added at different times through the years.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Mr. John Fedder probably owned and lived in this residence in the late Eighteenth and early nineteenth century. As noted in *An Illustrated Descriptive Review of Corning N.Y.* (J. A. Miller and Co.) "John W. Fedder of the firm of J.B. Collins and Co. is the manager of their

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HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE: (Continued)

mammoth department store at Corning N.Y. Mr. Fedder has also been prominently identified with Corning's interest in an official capacity, having held the office of President of the village in 1899 and 1890."

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Steuben County Deeds; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1921, 1930; A Field Guide To American Houses by Virginia and Lee McAlester; An Illustrated Descriptive Review of Corning, N. Y. by J. A. Miller

MAP INFORMATION:

1888- 188 Wall Street appears on the first available Sanborn map, however the street address is shown as 213 Wall Street. A simple two story rectangular structure with a front porch appears.

1895- A canted bay has been added to the south side of the house. The front porch has been extended so that it wraps around the south side of the house.

1898- A canted bay has been added to the north side of the structure

1903- 213 Wall Street is now listed as 188 Wall Street (the current street address) A porch has been added to the rear of the structure.

1908- no changes

1921- No changes

1930- No changes

CITY DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

1893- John Fedder, employed by J. B. Collins Company

1895- No change

1914- No change

1917- Charlie H. R. Young, book keeper, Corning Glass Works

1929- No change