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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This house was probably constructed ca. 1875. It appears on the first Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of the area from 1888 as a square block with a single-story addition along the rear of the house, stretching just beyond the southwest corner of the main block. This corner extension of the single-story addition does not appear on any subsequent Sanborn maps of the area, but does appear on the Corning City Engineer's Map from 1893. On all documentation subsequent to 1893, the house consists of a main block with a single-story addition of the same width at the rear. The current form of the house does match the pre-1893 footprint, but it is not clear when this form was restored.

The addition is now a full two stories, with the exception of a one-story sunporch which extends past the southwest corner of the house. The renovation of this section probably occurred ca. 1955 since the last Sanborn map of the area updated in 1948 shows the addition to be only one story. There is no building permit on file for the subsequent changes, but construction during this period corresponds to a time when procedural changes in local record-keeping practices occurred. Sanborn maps also indicate that a full-width front porch was present until at least 1948. The current small porch was probably added during the same building campaign as the rear renovations.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house at 189 Wall Street is difficult to see from the street since the lot has several mature trees and shrubs. The house lot consists of the northern portions of two standard city lots, and is fairly level. The northern boundary of the house lot runs along the alley between East Second and East Third Streets. There is a two-car garage with a hip roof at the rear of the lot which is accessed by the alley which divides the block.

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This house has the form of an Italianate ~~Style~~ building, with the decorative details that identify that style. Large brackets with pendills are placed regularly along the cornices ^{around} ~~along~~ the entire building, ~~including~~ ~~the rear addition~~. The building is entirely symmetrical with the exception of a small one-story sunporch ^{attached at} ~~placed on~~ the southwest corner at the rear. The house has a shallow hip roof covered in asphalt shingles, and the exterior is clad entirely in clapboard. The foundation is constructed of irregularly coursed fieldstone.

A vertical board delineates the juncture between the main block and the two-story rear addition. Windows on the main block are six-over-six sash with the addition of louvered shutters on the three-bay front facade. The rear addition has casement windows on the two-story portion and sash on the sunporch similar to that on the main block. The front porch ~~is~~ ^{was} ~~a~~ ^{modified in the} twentieth century ~~addition~~, with simple square wooden posts supporting a shallow roof. The doorway is slightly recessed, and has the simple transom window and ~~three-part~~ sidelights of the Greek Revival Style. There is also a small flat-roofed entry porch at the rear ^{near the} ~~northwest corner~~ of the house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This ^{residence} ~~house~~ was constructed ca. 1875-80, just prior to the first recorded sale of the building and lot for \$2200 in 1884. The transaction was between a representative of one of the original members of the Corning Company and Josephine W. Heermans. Mrs. Heermans sold the house and lot for \$2500 in 1889 to Morris Burgey, who is listed in the Corning City Directory as being employed by the Fall Brook Railway. The house has remained in the ownership of his descendants since that time. Mr. Burgey owned the house until his death in 1903, at which time ownership of the house passed to his wife Lucy B. Burgey. Mrs. Burgey lived in the house until her death in 1932. ~~The house remained in the~~ ~~family when~~ Maud Burgey Cunnings purchased Samuel Burgey's interest in the property in 1932, and lived there with her husband Charles Castle

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Cunnings for many years. The house has been owned by Lucy Maud Cunnings since 1970.

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