

BUILDING STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Hocker House
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 236 Wall Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Stephen B. Dawes ADDRESS: 236 Wall Street, Corning, NY
- 6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: single-family 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 [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 []
d. metal [] explain:
e. other [] explain:
- 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
- 12. PHOTO:
- 13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
d. developers e. deterioration
f. other:

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn b. carriage house c. garage
d. privy e. shed f. greenhouse
g. shop h. gardens
i. landscape features: See Continuation Sheet
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:

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. 1906

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

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11c. INTEGRITY: Major alterations and dates.

This house has remained largely intact since its construction. A full-width porch which extended across the front (west) facade was taken down ca. 1970. Following this demolition, a small entry portico with a wooden deck and an asphalt-shingled shed roof was built at the main entrance. An addition was made on the north side, extending it further east. The roofline for this addition ties in with the existing gable facing toward the front (west). In 1979 a new masonry chimney was installed at the center of the north-facing gable. In 1984 the one-story rear porch was removed and replaced by a window. Finally, in 1993, the post supporting the roof of the front entry portico, as well as its decking and steps, were replaced with treated pine.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

Located on the east side of Wall Street, facing west, this residence is one in a group of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century homes which are similar in scale. They each maintain a similar setback, though spacing between the houses is somewhat inconsistent due to property subdivision and subsequent construction. This ca. 1906 Queen Anne-style residence is located on an unusually small lot (45' x 63'), though the front setback is maintained.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This three-story Queen Anne-style house exhibits many of the typical design traits of the style. It has steeply pitched gables, inset gables, an asymmetrical front (west) facade, patterned shingles in the gable ends and a two-story bay with crossing gable projecting to the north. As this is a late Queen Anne-style structure, the ornamentation is rather plain.

The entire house, except the gable ends, roof, and foundation, is clad in wood clapboards which may be original to the house. There have been some replacements to this siding to repair damage and accommodate renovations. The gable ends are clad with patterned wood shingles which are, according to the present owner, original to the house. On the front (west) facade is a two-story projecting bay at center that has a canted bay window in its first story. The second story of the bay has a single window at center; a single sash is also found in the gable end. The main entrance is off-center on the west facade, just south of the bay window. The entry portico has a shed roof covered in asphalt shingles, supported at its southwest corner by a single treated pine post. The stoop and steps to this portico are also of treated pine. The main roof is covered with large octagonal slate shingles.

The foundation is local limestone with a beaded accent on the mortar joints. Also, there is some original copper guttering still in place on the south facade.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: (Continued)

The Hocker House, so-named for its third owner, the Rev. James P. Hocker, is situated on land subdivided from Lot #1 of Block 39, as described by the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. This property consists of the southern 45 feet of Lot #1 owned by the Brown estate and deeded to Mr. George Rice in 1906. That same year Mr. Rice, a commercial traveler, had this house constructed for his wife, Olivia G., and their three children. In 1925, Margaret A. Rice, daughter of the deceased George, was given power of attorney over her father's estate and sold the house to Percy M. and Ethel E. Smith of Corning. In May of 1925, the Smiths sold the house and property to Rev. Hocker who lived there until his death in 1976. Since that time, the house, according to the current owner, Stephen B. Dawes, has been referred to in the community as the Hocker House.

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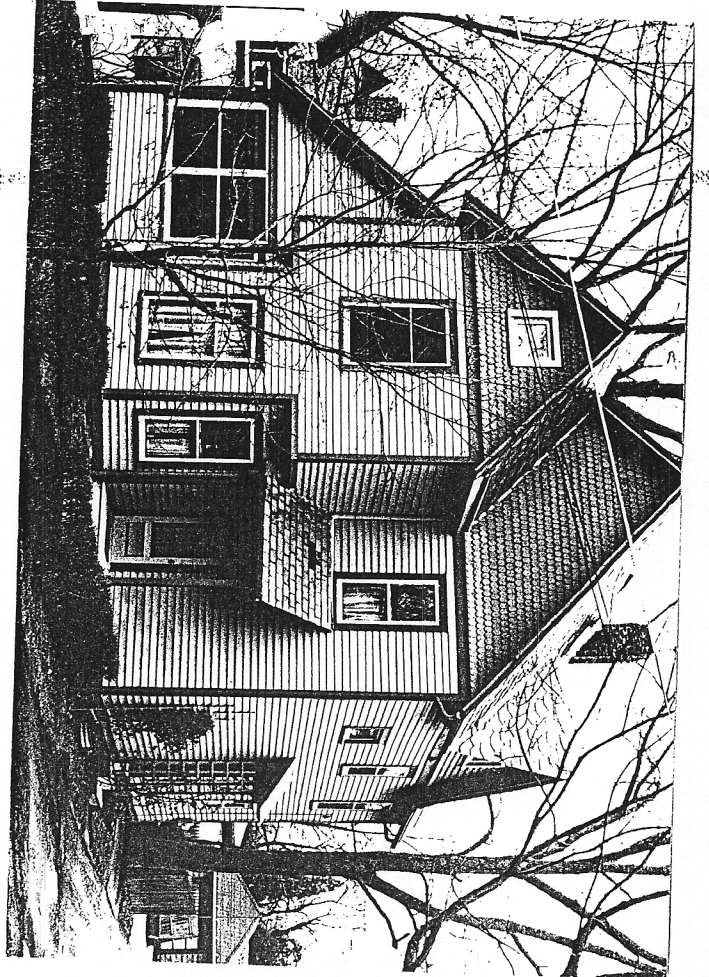
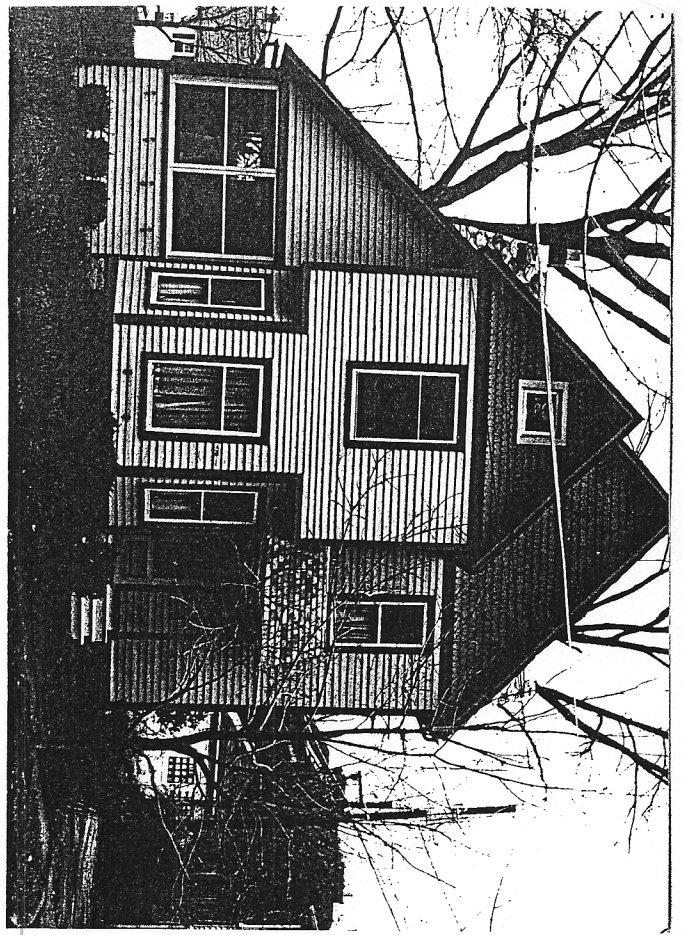
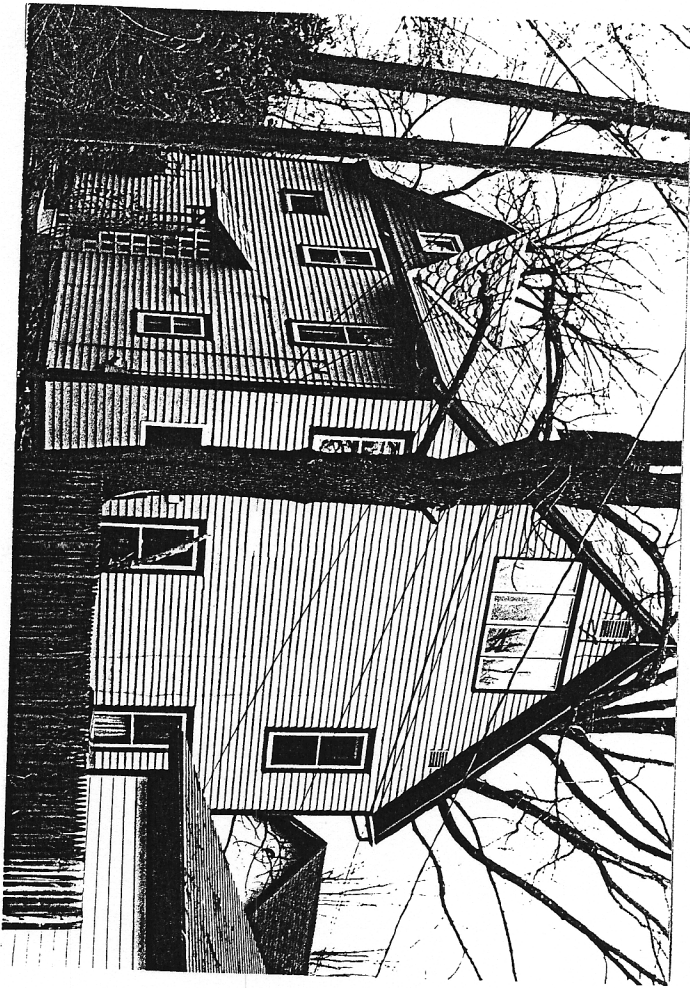
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