

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: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 247 Wall Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Robert McLean ADDRESS: 247 Wall Street
- 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[ ] b. stone[ ] c. brick[ ] d. board & batten[ ]  
e. cobblestone[ ] f. shingles[ ] g. stucco[ ] other: vinyl siding
- 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
- 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[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 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. 1926

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:

No major alterations have been made to the exterior of this house. Vinyl siding was added but no date is known

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The structure is located on the west side of Wall Street and shares what is a typical lot (63' x 165' as laid out on the 1855 Brewer and Canfield) with 249 Wall Street. This residence is located at the north end of this lot. Both the houses are Bungalow Styles which was popular in the early twentieth century. Both houses have a consistent setback from the street. The garage from 249 is located down the hill from 249 and appears closer to 247 Wall Street. A garage for this house is located at the northernmost end of the lot close to the alley.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

247 Wall Street is a typical example of a Bungalow or Craftsman Style popular in the early twentieth century. As indicated by the deed the property was once owned by Riverside Builders Supply, thus suggesting its construction may be derived from a pattern book or building company. The most obvious element of its construction is the one-and-a-half story front with side-gable. A dormer shed protrudes from the roof. This dormer shed has two pairs of windows. The windows are double-hung sashes in a three-over-one configuration. The roof has wide overhanging eaves, typical of this style. In addition, the roof is covered with fiberglass shingles.

The configuration of elements on the first floor is asymmetrical. The main entrance is located to the north end of the front facade. Steps and a small wooden porch lead to this entrance. Two porch supports or columns support a small front-gable overhang. To the left of the front door is a ribbon window containing three windows in a double-hung three-over-one configuration. From the south facade of the home extends a small one-story bay. The windows located here are double-hung, in a two-over-one configuration.

The garage is a one door gabled-roof structure that resembles the house in materials.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This residence is constructed on the northern half of lot #16, block 52, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. This property remained vacant until 1927 when Door T. and Helen Martin are listed as residing at the premise. They acquired the property and probably the house in February of 1926 from Riverside Builders Supply. Mr. Martin is listed as an employee for Cheney and Costello (Lawyers) in the Corning/ Painted Post Directory of 1927. The property was at one time under the ownership of Mrs. M.D. Walker who was associated with the Corning Building Company.

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

West Facade

East Facade



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