

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: 248 Wall Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Arthur M. Beckwith ADDRESS: 248 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 [] b. stone [] c. brick [] d. board & batten []
e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [x] 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. 1890

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.

Between 1908 and 1913, a small one-story porch and adjacent enclosed area in the northeast corner of the house were extended to the north, so that they became flush with the projecting gabled bay on the north facade. Also during this same time, the rear (east) portion of the house was enlarged from 1½ stories to a full two story end gable. Finally, by 1913, a one-story outbuilding that was at the eastern edge of the property, north of center, had been demolished. Since 1948, a small one-story screen porch with a low-pitched shed roof has been added at center to the north facade. Also, in the northeast corner of the second story two picture windows have been installed, one on the east facade, the other on the north. Finally, in 1975 a new asphalt roof was installed.

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. The setback of this house is similar to that of its neighbors to the north and south. Also, as this lot is comprised of the southern portions of Lots 9 and 10, there is a significantly larger space between 248 Wall and 238 Wall, its neighbor to the north, than among other houses on the block.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This ca. 1890 Shingle-style house features a main front-gabled gambrel roof with several crossing gables. The front (west) facade has a facing gambrel with a two-story gabled bay inset in the southern half. The gabled bay has a bay window on its first story. The north side of the gambrel roof extends down to the first story level, forming the northern portion of the roof for the front porch which wraps the northwest corner of the house. The western portion of the front porch is covered by a shed roof. The porch is supported by 6" x 6" posts with triangular knee brackets at the corners. The south facade has a two-story gabled bay projecting south at center and a one-story entry vestibule inset at the northeast corner of the projecting bay and the main house. Centered between the western edge of the south facade and the projecting bay is a large, battered brick masonry chimney.

The east facade contains a long, two-story gabled wing, extending to the east. On the north side of this wing is a two-story addition with a shed roof. At the northeast corner of this addition, on the second floor, are two large picture windows, one on the north facade, the other on the east facade. On the north facade, the two-story shed-roofed addition extends to flush with the northern edge of the projecting two-story gabled bay at center. There is a large screen porch on the first story, at center, on this facade.

All exterior walls of the house are clad in wood shingles. There also appears to be some copper guttering on the north and south facades. The foundation for the entire house is parged stone.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Occupying land first purchased by Mary A. Todd in 1884, the house at 248 Wall Street was built for Luzerne Todd who occupied it upon completion. Mr. Todd had lived at 315 Wall Street before moving to

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: (Continued)

his new home. In 1912, after the death of Mr. Todd, his heirs were involved in a dispute with James Christian. With Frank H. Hauser as referee, an agreement was reached and the house sold to prominent Corning lawyer Warren B. Cheney in 1912. Revenue from the sale was used to cover the mortgage and legal fees. Possibly as some result of the suit, the house went unoccupied for several years from 1912 to 1920. By 1920, Alonzo G. and Edith M. Putnam had purchased and occupied the residence.

Since that time, this residence has seen eight other owners, including its current occupants, Arthur H. and Virginia R. Beckwith who purchased the property in 1979.

21. SOURCES:

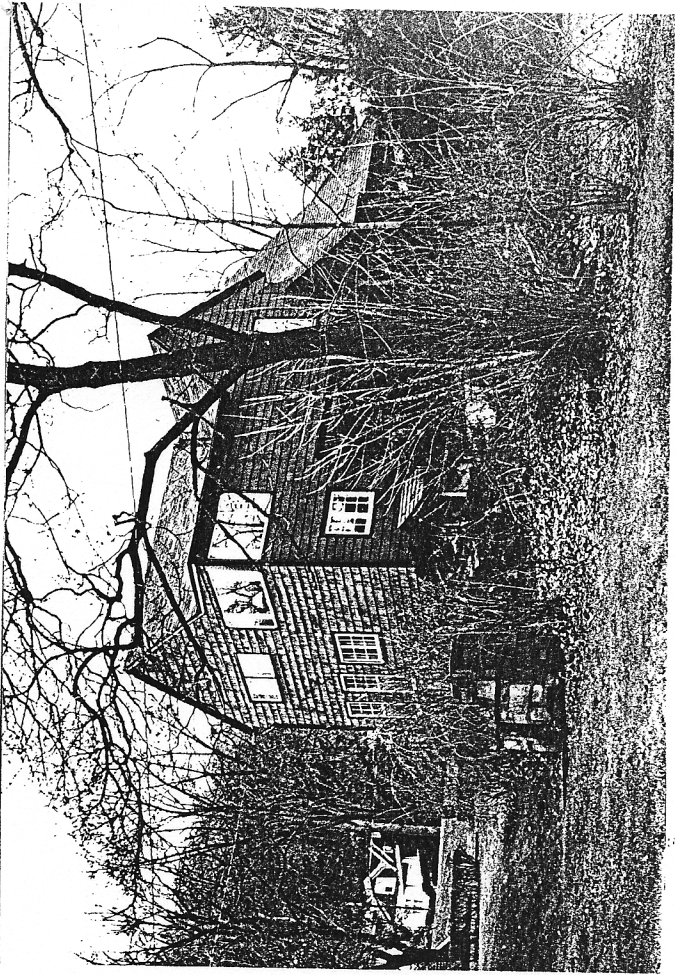
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