

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: 249 Wall Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Penrose and Pauline Hawkes ADDRESS: 249 Wall St.
- 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
- 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. 1922

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.

#### 17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is situated on a lot on the northwest corner of Wall and Fifth Street. It is one of two Bungalow or Craftsman Style homes situated on the block between Fifth and Fourth streets. Both homes occupy one-half of Lot # 16 as divided by the Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house faces east, towards Wall Street, its south facade oriented towards Fifth street. Both of these homes represent styles popular during the Depression and thereafter. A small garage is also located to the north of the house. Its setback from the street is slightly more than the house.

#### 18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING:

This house is typical of many Craftsman Style houses built early in the 20th century. It is one-story in height. The front facade is comprised of a full-width porch and a shed dormer protruding from the low sloping side-gable roof. The gable roof extends over the porch and is supported by squared piers. Plain coursed wood shingles cover the walls and dormer. Fiberglass shingles are used on the roof.

Two distinct three-part windows are located to each side of the front door. They are configured in a two-over-one sash pattern. Exposed rafters are evident in the dormer on the front facade. One window to note may be a diagonally glazed fixed sash window with etched panes. This window is located on the rear facade of the house.

The house is constructed on a concrete foundation.

#### 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house is located on the southern end of Lot #16, Block 52, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. This lot remained vacant during much of Corning's early development and was owned by the Walker family of Corning Building Company.

The house was built between 1922-1933 by the Reed's. Mr. Reed was a teller for The Corning First National Bank and Trust. After his death he left the home to his wife Agnes. The house provides a good intact example of a home built by a modest family in the 1920's. It is possible it was copied from a pattern book or was a kit that was assembled by a local building company.

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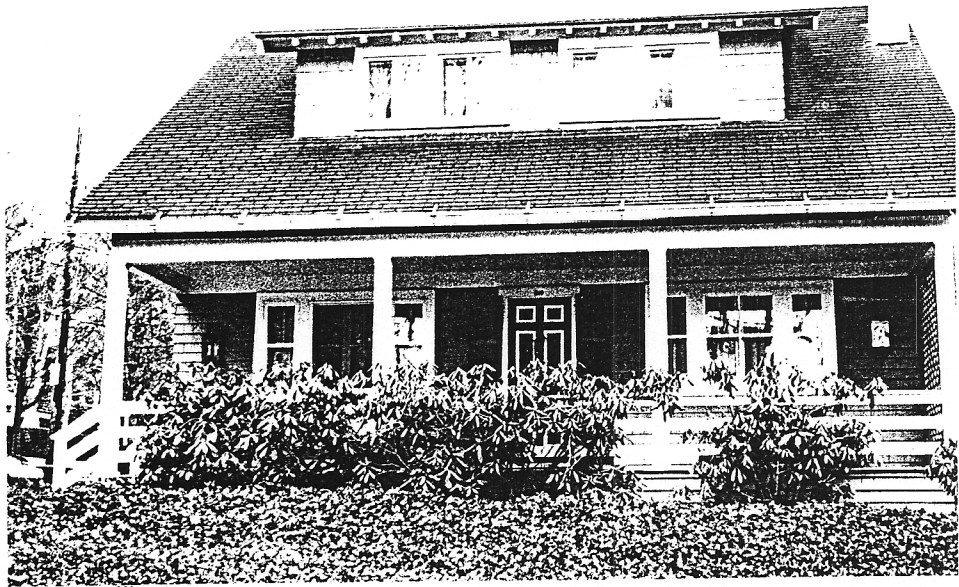
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

West Facade

Garage



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