

**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: 274 Wall Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Richard C. Wheat ADDRESS: 274 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 [x] 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. 1956  
  
 ARCHITECT: possibly CRS Design, Inc. of Houston, TX  
  
 BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
  
 See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:  
  
 See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. INTEGRITY: Major alterations and dates.

No major alterations have been made to the exterior of this house. The roof was repaired in late 1974 and a skylight was added on the southern area of the roof, at center, in 1986.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING 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. This house represents a modern, Split Level-style addition to the group of otherwise older homes. Each residence maintains a similar setback from the street, east-to-west, though the spacing between the residences, north-to-south, is somewhat inconsistent due to property subdivisions and subsequent construction. This residence exists on property subdivided from 276 Wall Street in 1919, but not built upon until the 1950s. As the result of this subdivision, the house is set unusually close - about 10 feet - to its neighbor to the south.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This ca. 1956 Split Level-style house represents a modern addition to this group of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century homes. This house is a common L-shaped plan, with a one-story wing projecting south, and a two-story bay extending to the west at the north end of the house.

The entire house is faced in red brick, except the northwest corner of the second story which has wide clapboards which appear to be redwood. The roof of both the one- and two-story sections is hipped. The ridge of the roof of the one-story section is high enough to intersect the ridge over the two-story section.

The front (west) facade features four major elements; from north to south these are: the two-story projecting wing with a one-car garage at grade level; the main entrance to the residence; a substantial masonry chimney with three flues; and a large picture window with five fixed sash lights to one side (north). The main entrance is sheltered by a hipped roof form supported by a single steel post at its southwest corner.

Leading to the main entrance of the house is a concrete walkway with a low flagstone retaining wall bordering the lawn to the south. The four steps up to the main entrance are also flagstone. The foundation of the house appears to be concrete. However, dense shrubbery around the house and the slope of the land obscure most of the foundation. There is an auxiliary driveway along the north side of the property, extending from the street (west) to the rear of the yard (east). Both the north and south edges of the property are landscaped with mature hedges, as is the line between the auxiliary drive and the house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Situated between the former lands of Eleanor Austin, to the south, and Thaddeus DeM. Hawkes to the east and north, this property was subdivided from the John P. Young estate, by the executrix of the estate,

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: (Continued)

Martie Burt Edwin, in June of 1919 and sold to Margaret Hawkes. Margaret Hawkes, as well as Thaddeus DeM., are members of the family that owned and operated Hawkes Glass Company around the turn of the century. They owned a significant amount of property in this area of Corning. In July of 1954 the property was sold to Eliza G. Gould who had a dwelling constructed on the site shortly thereafter. At this time, the address of the property was 270 Wall Street. In August of 1957 CRS Design, Inc. of Houston, TX, purchased the property from Ms. Gould. Following the purchase of the property by CRS, the address was changed to the current 274 Wall Street. It is unclear if the house owned by Ms. Gould is the one currently extant on the property. The address change and the fact that the property was purchased by a design firm may indicate that a new house was constructed on the site after 1957. In any event, CRS Design, Inc., sold the property to Charles J. Maxwell in June of 1959. Since Maxwell, there have been three other owners until the purchase of the house by the current owners Richard C. and Janet W. Wheat. Mr. Wheat is president of the Wheat Agency in Corning.

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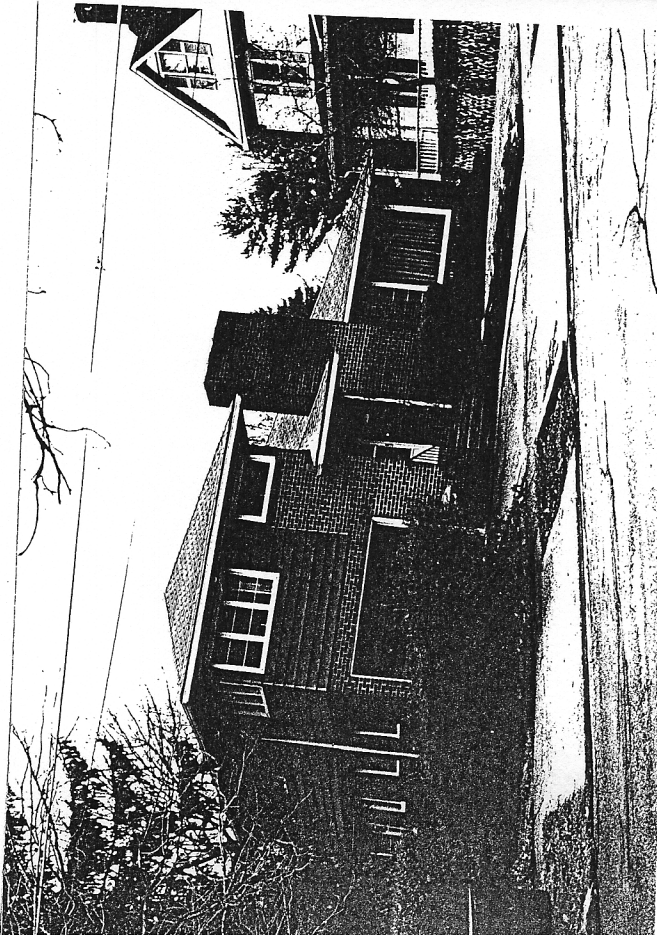
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