

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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FOR OFFICE USE \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDENTIFICATION**

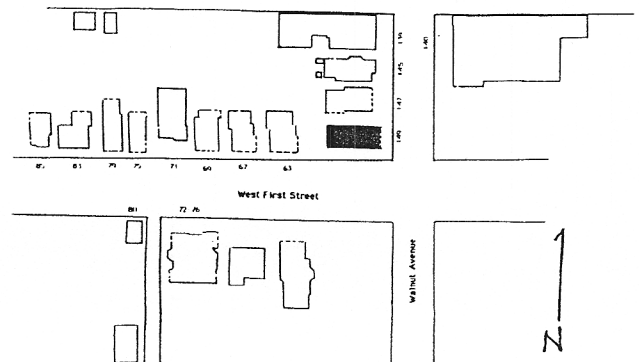
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 149 Walnut Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ x ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: James Felli ADDRESS: 149 Walnut Street, Corning
- 6. USE: Original: Private Residence Present: Residential and Office
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [ x ] No [ ]  
Interior accessible: Yes [ x ] No [ ] Explain: Part of the building is used as an orthodontist's office.

**DESCRIPTION**

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL
  - a. clapboard [ ] 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 [ ]
  - c. masonry load bearing walls [ x ]
  - 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):

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
d. developers  e. deterioration   
f. other:
15. RELATED OUT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: a. barn  b. carriage house  c. garage   
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   
h. other:
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)  
  
See Continuation Sheet
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:  
(Including interior features if known):  
  
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**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1903-1908  
  
ARCHITECT: Unknown.  
  
BUILDER: Unknown
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
  
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21. SOURCES:  
  
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22. THEME:

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11. INTEGRITY:

Records at the Corning-Painted Post Historical Society indicate that this building may have been part of a much larger house shown on the 1857 map of Corning, which was subsequently divided into two buildings. The Sanborn maps for the period 1898 to 1903 denote a change in the massing of the building and both 149 and 147 Walnut Streets have some similar brick and foundation features (i.e. in the type and coursing of the materials).

The Federal Style elements of this house (Symmetrical placement of double hung sash windows and heavy lintels at the windows) seem to indicate that this house predates 1898. The shape of the house matches the front half of the former Erlacher house located at this site. It is entirely possible that the rear portion of the Erhlacher house was detached and relocated at 147 Walnut Street between 1898 and 1903.

There have been no significant additions to the house since 1913 when a roof was altered, reflected by a change was shown and a change in notation on the Sanborn map from a two story house to a two-and-a-half story house (with an attic).

Presently the house is used both for residential use and as an orthodontist office by the resident owner.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The section of Walnut Street between the alley to the north of West First Street and West First Street itself has a total of six buildings, none of which are used as a primary residence by the owners of the properties. There are three social organizations, an orthodontist and a funeral home, among others, in this area. There is no consistent massing or style of building in this one block area of Walnut Street and the buildings on the west side of Walnut are overshadowed by the two larger buildings on the east side of Walnut Street.

Walnut Street is a busy thoroughfare that serves as a major arterial into the Southside neighborhood. On-street parking further divides Walnut Street into two unrelated halves, adding to the lack of identity in this neighborhood. One of the buildings on this side of the street dates from 1857 or earlier, unlike the other side of

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17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS, continued:

West First Street. Finally, there is a church in this row of residences that further detracts from the whole.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-and-a-half-story front-gabled house has a cross gable that looks out onto West First Street. The three-bay Walnut Street facade has a full-width front porch with spindle detailing in the Queen Anne-style. This porch and the side gable were added ca. 1910 when the Queen Anne Style was still common. However, as was noted previously there are enough other details (lintels, fenestration pattern, and eaves) that indicate Federal Style influences originally.

Based upon historical society sources and Sanborn maps, it is clear that the structural system of the house is brick.

The gable ends are sided in clapboards and the roof is covered with black composition shingle roofing. The brick courses on the north side of the house indicate that the western third of the house was added on at a later date.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Originally known as 501 Walnut Street and, in 1903, as 124 Walnut Street, this house was owned, according to the Heermans map, in 1893 by John McGannon, conductor for the Fall Brook Railway. It was during his ownership of the property that it was divided into two separate properties. The house that McGannon lived in was the first brick house in Corning and was built for Mr. Erlacher of Erlacher Glass Company fame. As noted above, in the integrity section, the original Erlacher house was divided into two separate residences but this house may be part of the original Erlacher house.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE, continued:

The Erlacher house is shown on both the 1882 Birdseye Map of Corning and the 1857 plot plan of Corning. Thomas Johnson, a New York State Supreme Court justice, lived at this location, prior to John McGannon.

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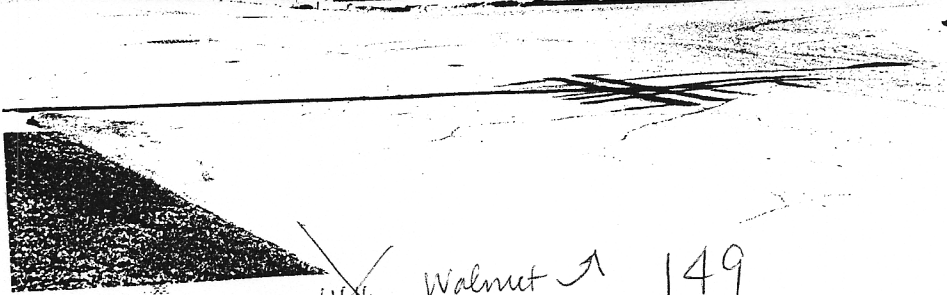
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