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**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: 238-240 Walnut Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Mrs. Eleanor Coons ADDRESS: 239 Walnut Street
- 6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: two-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 [ ] 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
- 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. 1879

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. Major Alterations and Dates (if known):

This residence was converted from a single-family residence to a two-family residence in 1908. The house nearly doubled in size and its value did double from \$800 to \$1600. Prior to 1908, the north and east wings of the house were one-story while the southern portion was two-story. The converted structure was two-story throughout. The rear (east) of the residence was extended. The front (west) porch was extended and a full rear (east) porch was added. Since 1908, no major exterior alterations have occurred except that the roof covering is now asphalt shingles.

15i. Landscape Features

The primary landscape feature is that the house sits approximately eight feet above the grade of Walnut Street. Several large trees are situated between this residence and its neighbor at 244 Walnut.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the east side of Walnut Street, this residence an example of a "gabled-ell" house; the surrounding residences are examples of Queen Anne and Italianate styles. This house was built before the other two houses in the same lot. The scale of this house is larger than its neighbor at 244 Walnut and much larger than houses opposite at 239 and 241 Walnut. The north-to-south spacing is generous in this area, and the setback of this structure is consistent to that of its neighbors. This residence is situated approximately 8' above the grade of Walnut Street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story home is an example of the "gabled-ell" as discussed in Gottfried and Jennings' American Vernacular Design, (p. 180). This residence is of a larger scale than the cottage examples given by Gottfried and Jennings because it is a two-family residence. It's "gabled-ell" characteristics include intersecting gables and the porch and entrances set in the reentrant angle formed by the intersection. Very little ornamentation exists on this house except for the simple capitals on the porch posts.

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This house is covered with clapboards. The gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The fenestration on the front (west) facade includes two-over-two double-hung sash windows with awning windows on the exterior and two primary entrances consisting of wooden doors with lights. The two-over-two windows appear on the other facades with the occasional one-over-one. The front (west) porch wraps around the corner of the ell. It has a wooden floor and ceiling. Its hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The rear (east) porch extends the full width of the house. This porch has a poured concrete floor and a shed roof with asphalt shingles.

The house is set on a partially-raised basement. The foundation is irregularly coursed sandstone which has been parged. The brick chimney is centered at the rear (east) of the house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was constructed on the northern third of Lot #9 of Block #69, as surveyed in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. In 1889, Garrett Kinsella purchased lots #9 and #10 from Phillip R. Kinsella. At that time, this residence was already built and a second house existed on lot #10. This residence at 238-240 appears on the 1882 bird's-eye view map of the city. It was built ca. 1879. Kinsella sold the north 100' of the lots to William W. Huggins in 1904. The next known owner was Rusk R. Huggins who sold the property to Claude V. Stowell in 1926. The property was willed to Stowell's daughter, Marion Alice Rose in 1946. Today the property is owned by Mrs. E.J. Coons who lives opposite at 239 Walnut Street. The property has been rented out since its conversion in 1908. It has been rented to a railroad clerk, a post office clerk, a machinist, and an insurance agent.

21. SOURCES:

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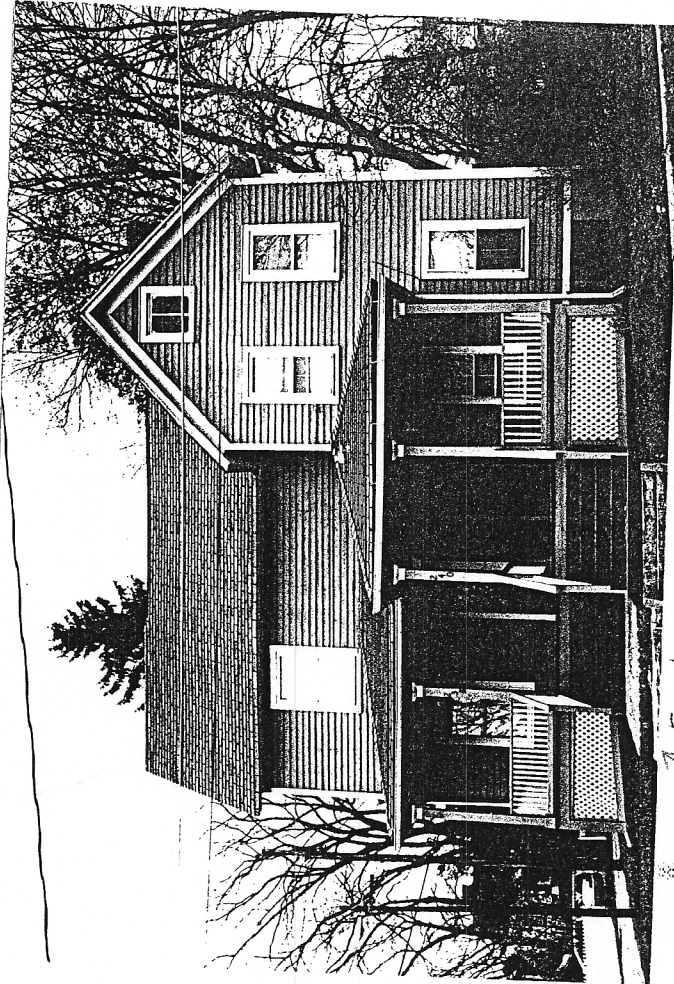
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



↗ Front

Walnut

238-240

↖ Rear

