

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: 239 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: multiple-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[] g. stucco[]
other: vinyl siding
- 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. 1881

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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

A porch and a one-story, three-part bay were added to the north facade ca. 1905. The full-front porch was removed after 1948. The second floor balcony on the north facade was added in 1975, and vinyl siding was installed in 1988. The vinyl replacement windows were likely added at this same time. The house has been subdivided into at least three residences in recent years.

15i. Landscape Features

The primary landscape feature is a large tree that affected the property lines between this residence and 241 Walnut. The lines were shifted south 1'-0" at the position of this tree.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the west side of Walnut Street, this residence an example of an Italianate-style house; It is one of several Italianate-style houses in this area. This house was built before the other homes in lots #15 and #16. The scale of this house is consistent with the other houses in these blocks. The north-to-south spacing and setback are consistent with its neighbors. This residence is situated at nearly the same grade as the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-story residence was designed as an Italianate-style house. This style is discussed in McAlester's A Field Guide to American Houses, (p. 211). It's characteristics include three bay design, wide overhanging eaves, tall narrow windows and low-pitched hipped roof.

The house is covered with wood-grain vinyl siding. The eaves, balcony, and windows are also vinyl. The low-pitched hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The fenestration on the front (east) facade includes all one-over-one, vinyl, double-hung sash windows and a wood panel and glass door. The brick stoop of the front main entrance is covered by a small hood supported by square posts. The north facade is dominated by the second-story balcony with closed rail sided with vinyl. It is supported by slender wood posts. A secondary entrance is located on this north facade. It is a wood panel and glass door. A grade-level entrance to the basement is located near the northwest corner. The steps of the bulkhead are covered over by large wooden boards.

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The foundation is irregularly coursed sandstone that has been parged in the northeast corner. The brick chimney with vents is located at the center rear (west). Some brick is visible in the foundation, but the chimney is not visible on the rear wall of the house. A three bay garage with a hipped roof is located at the northwest corner of the lot, at the alley. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the walls are vinyl sided. Three overhead doors with lights covered over are made of wood. A pedestrian door is located on the east facade.

The foundation is poured concrete. Three windows with six lights each are on the south facade. This is the location of what was originally a large two-and-a-half-story horse barn.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was constructed on the northern third of Lot #16 of Block #74, as surveyed in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. Michael Callahan purchased Lot #15 from Francis A. Williams in 1891, according to a deed in book #291 p. 115 which was not recorded until 1907. Lot #16 was bought by Callahan from John J. and Dudley A. Olcott in 1891 as recorded in deed book #297 p. 322, also not recorded until 1907. The tax records, however, record Michael Callahan paying taxes on a house on this property back to 1882. Michael Callahan was listed as a laborer and later as an employee of Standard Oil Company. The house is not on the 1882 bird's-eye view, but I have dated the house to late 1882. At Michael's death in 1919, he left the northern portion of these lots to his son, Martin J. Callahan. The southern portion was left to his other four children, Catherine M. Patterson, Marguerite Dineen, Edward J. Callahan, and Harriet Francois. Earl Marnin purchased the property in 1936, and sold it to the current resident, Eleanor Coons, and her husband Robert in 1972.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories, Boyd's 1872-73, 1874-75, Hanford 1893-1930.

Gottfried, Herbert and Jan Jennings. American Vernacular Design. (Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1988.)

McAlester, Virginia and Lee McAlester. A Field Guide to American Houses. (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1992.)

Map of Corning. Buffalo: H. Brewer and C. A. Canfield, 1855.

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21. SOURCES:

Map of Corning. Corning: Harry C. Heermans, City Engineer, 1893.

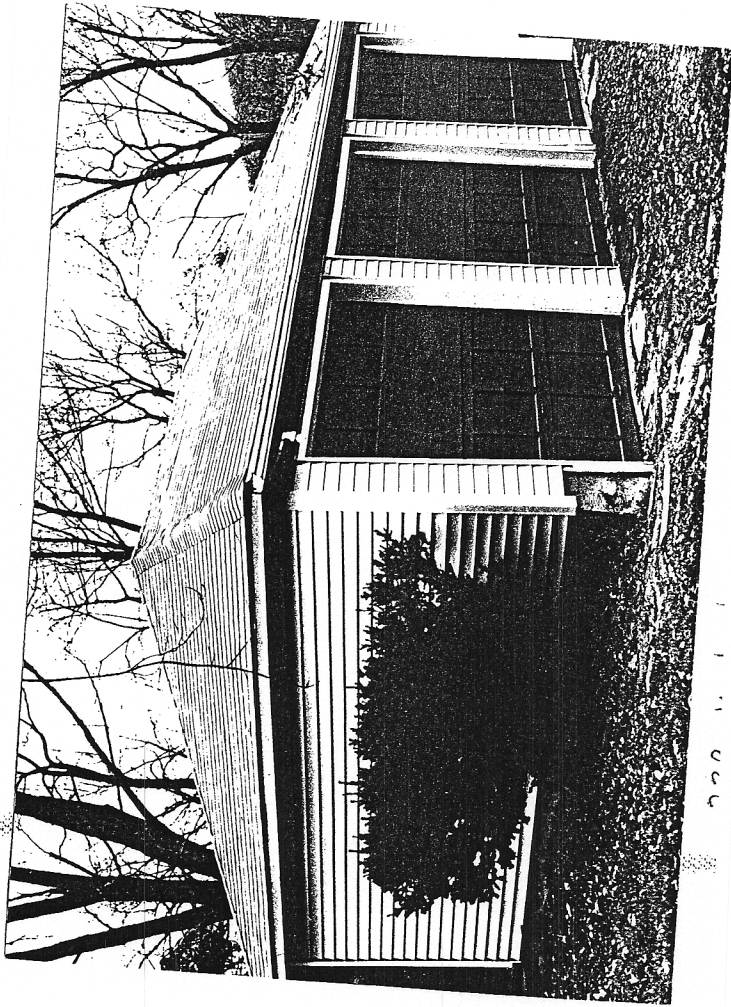
Map of Corning. Philadelphia: Philadelphia Publishing House, C.J. Corbin, 1882.

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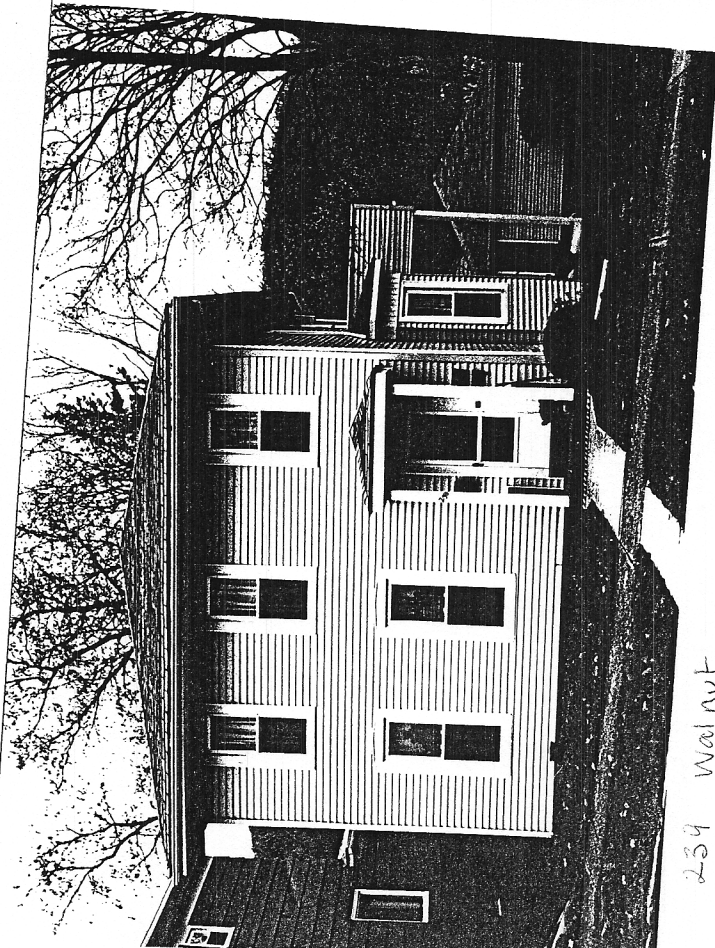
Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, New York.

Steuben County Tax Records, Steuben County Records Center, Bath, New York (18??-1909), Steuben County ??? Office, Bath, New York, (1910-present).

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



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254 Walnut