

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

YOUR NAME: John R. Steinmeyer
YOUR ADDRESS: 106 W. Sibley Hall, Ithaca, NY
ORGANIZATION (if any): Cornell University

DATE: 15 May 1992
TELEPHONE: (607)255-0751

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 159 Cedar Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public[] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Grace S. Raym ADDRESS: Bethany Center
Watkins Road
Horseheads, NY 14845
- 6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes[X] No[]

Interior accessible: no, private residence

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL
 - a. clapboard[X] 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[] c. fair[X] 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[X] 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: 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[X] e. commercial[]
f. industrial[] g. residential[X]
h. other:
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING 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):

See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1930

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME

CONTINUATION SHEET, Page 1
159 Cedar Street
Corning, New York

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the west side of Cedar Street, this residence is among buildings of the nineteenth and early twentieth century. These structures have various setbacks from the street and are somewhat inconsistent in their north to south spacing.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This residence is designed in the Colonial Revival style of architecture. As noted in A Field Guide to American Houses (McAlester), the building's identifying features include: two and one half stories; a steeply-pitched, side-gabled roof; double-hung sash windows with multi-pane glazing on the first story; and a principle, three-ranked facade with symmetrically balanced windows and center door.

The first two stories of 159 Cedar Street are covered with clapboards. The uppermost half story's gable ends are clad with fishscale shingles, and each gable end exhibits one square window.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The site of 159 was unimproved until a carriage house for 44 East First Street was constructed ca. 1893-98. The carriage house was converted into an automobile garage ca. 1913-21, and ca. 1921-30 became a plumbing shop. When the present apartment house was constructed ca. 1930, the plumbing shop was incorporated into the eastern half as dwelling units in the building that exists today.

This apartment house is an example of multi-family housing which was constructed as an income-generating property for a non-resident owner. Since its construction, it has been frequently occupied by employees of local industry such as the Corning Glass Works and the New York Central Railroad. The maintenance of affordable multi-family housing such as this has consistently allowed for a broad range in types of people to reside in the area, and consequently contributes to the stability of the Southside Neighborhood.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930; Corning Fire Department Maps, 1852, 1893.



159 Cedar