

## 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: 166-168 Cedar Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public[ ] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Donald Creath ADDRESS: 101 Columbia Street  
 Corning, NY 14830
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[ ] 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[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:

See Continuation Sheet

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1845

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11. INTEGRITY

Overall size of house significantly reduced ca. 1852-88; northernmost corner of west facade porch removed ca. 1898-1903. Some records of structural alterations/additions are available at the City of Corning Building Department.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the east side of Cedar Street, this residence is one of a row of nineteenth and early twentieth century homes of several styles. These houses have varying setbacks from the street and are inconsistent in their north to south spacing.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This residence is designed in the Greek Revival style of architecture. The structure's identifying features, as noted in A Field Guide to American Houses (McAlester), include: a front-gabled roof; a full-facade porch with simplified, square columns; and a recessed doorway whose surround is ornamented with broken sidelights, a rectangular transom light, and a simple entablature. Both stories are covered with clapboard.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Corning Fire Department Map of 1852 shows a footprint of a large structure on the parcel of land where the current residence is situated. The shape of the existing house resembles the 1852 footprint, and it is probable that it is a remnant of the original structure. In 1873 the property was owned by Christian G. Howell, who bequeathed it to his wife and siblings, who owned several parcels in the neighborhood. By the early twentieth century, the structure had been converted into multi-family housing. It has since been 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.



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