

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: 174 Cedar Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public[] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: David Andriene ADDRESS: 174 Cedar Street
- 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[] b. stone[] c. brick[] d. board & batten[]
 - e. cobblestone[] f. shingles[] g. stucco[]
 - other: aluminum 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[] c. fair[X] d. deteriorated[]
- 11. INTEGRITY:
 - a. original site[] b. moved[] if so, when?
 - c. list major alterations and dates (if known):

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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:
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:

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1850

ARCHITECT

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME

11. INTEGRITY/ALTERATIONS

Overall size of house significantly reduced ca. 1852-88; additions to south and east facades ca. 1888-93; bay addition to south facade ca. 1893-98; bay addition to north facade ca. 1898-1903; west facade porch removed post 1930; aluminum siding applied to entire house. 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:

The residence appears to have been originally designed in the Greek Revival style of architecture, and has been altered significantly since its initial construction. The building's identifying features, as noted in A Field Guide to American Houses (McAlester), include: a front-gabled roof to make the principle west facade; cornice returns on the south facade which suggest the pediment form; and one rectangular window immediately below roof line on the south facade which suggests that at one time a frieze existed and accommodated a series of similar windows.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The Corning Fire Department Map of 1852 shows a footprint of a large structure on the parcel where the current residence is situated. The shape of the existing house resembles the southern end of the 1852 footprint, and it is probable that it is a remnant of the original structure. In 1893 the property was owned by Emily C. Soule, who owned several parcels in the neighborhood. By the end of the nineteenth 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, as well as by retirees. 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.

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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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