

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: Coming

VILLAGE:

3. STREET LOCATION: 181/183 Cedar Street

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]

5. PRESENT OWNER: Ernest Danforth

ADDRESS: Washington St. Ext., Coming, NY

6. USE: Original: Multi-family Residential

Present: Multi-family Residential

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 [X]

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): 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
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 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. 1885 ← earlier? ca. 1880

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

see dash

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seems late - is it on earlier bird-eye views?

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This ca. 1885 house was expanded ca. 1900 by the addition of a full rear cross-gable section. This change is accompanied on the Sanborn maps of the period with a change in the description of the house from simply 'Dwelling' to 'Tenement'. There have been no other significant changes to the structure with the exception of the post-1940s enclosure of the single-story porch at the southeast corner of the house. And the change in front porch indicating at about that same time

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house at 181/183 Cedar Street is built so as to take advantage of the small, steep lot. The shallow front yard is accessed by concrete steps from the sidewalk level at either side of the yard, and steps lead to the front porch from both sides. A sidewalk on the north side of the house provides access to a secondary porch entrance.

Relationship to other buildings and yard entrances

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This multi-family house is fairly simple in style, and somewhat evocative of the Greek Revival in its low proportions, but probably has more in common with the Queen Anne style, by the presence of three porches and several cross-gables. The use of simple bracketed piers, to support the front porch is the most decorative feature of the house. It is clad entirely in wood clapboard of varying widths, and has several different sizes of double-hung two-over-two sash. The foundation is made of randomly coursed fieldstone, as is the retaining wall at the front of the lot which supports a small front yard.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was probably constructed ca. 1885 as a speculative property by John P. Young, owner of this site and other parts of this subdivided corner lot since 1880. Directory research indicates that the house was rented in two parts as early as 1903, and probably before that time as well. The house was resold in 1905 and 1907. Thomas and Margaret Flannery owned the house from 1907 until the 1940s and used it as an income property. John J. and Catherine L. Deneen purchased the property in 1950 and lived in the 183 Cedar Street portion while renting

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maybe
this house was probably constructed ca. 1880 as a speculative property before it was purchased by J. P. Young, who owned this site in 1880?

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20. HISTORICAL..(continued):

out the rest of the house. There have been several subsequent owners. This house is somewhat unusual for the neighborhood in that it seems to have been intended from its construction as a rental property, while other properties have become rental units only though a conversion in use.

21. SOURCES:

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