

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Coming VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 189 Cedar Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Carolyn Snow ADDRESS: 189 Cedar Street
- 6. USE: Original Residential Present 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 []
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

line up

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)

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

(Including interior features if known):

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1870

— such a late date for Greek Revival?
I guess it's possible.

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This ca. 1870 house has remained virtually unchanged since the first Sanborn map of the area was completed for 1893. The two-story porch at the rear of the ^(east or west?) front-gable portion of the house was added ca. 1905. It is likely that the one-story section attached to the rear of the side-wing was an early addition, since a small one-story porch section is suggested by the earliest Sanborn maps of the house. There also appears to have been an internal staircase inserted at the junction between the addition and the wing.

Talk about that little box - don't just hint at it

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

which? The house at 189 Cedar Street is set on a secondary corner site along the alley which divides the block. The front yard is nicely landscaped with hedges and ground cover, and is pitched from south to north with a concrete retaining wall to prevent the yard from slipping along the alley. There is a substantial backyard enclosed with a white picket fence, with room at the back of the lot for limited parking.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This Greek Revival ^{Style} house has a gable-front-and-wing design, with the addition of a two-story porch to the gable-front section, and a single-story addition behind the wing. The house is clad entirely in narrow clapboard, and has a fieldstone foundation. Wide fascia boards run along the cornice line and the front doorway is recessed from the plane of the wall, as is typical with the Greek Revival ^{Style}. It is likely that there was a renovation of the house ^{the} ^{was renovated} before the 1890s, since the roof peak of the wing section is currently above the roof peak of the gable-front section of the house. The wing would normally have been less than two stories originally.

The presence of Queen Anne ^{type} colored sash on the front facade of the gable section and a bracketed three-part window bay on the front facade of the wing ^{at a c} supports the assumption of an earlier renovation. The brackets are somewhat unusual in that they have a scalloped design with cut-work in the body of the bracket. The windows on the rest of the house are plain one-over-one double-hung sash. There is a long gallery supported by chamfered posts running along the wing section of the house. The gallery has decorative wood brackets, as well as railings with turned spindles. There is also a simple shed porch on the rear addition. ^{recta}

remnant of the Italianate Style?

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The site on which this house was constructed was originally purchased in 1868 by Francis A. Williams from Erastus and Harriet Coming for \$587.82. The house was probably constructed ca. 1870, and was occupied by the Williams family until the 1930s. Mr. Williams died in 1901. Continuation Sheet, Page

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20. HISTORICAL...(continued):

Mrs. Francis A. Williams lived in the house with her son, local lawyer Francis C. Williams, until her death. His sister, Mary G. Williams, willed the house in 1936 to her daughter, Elisabeth Williams Dowling. After another change in ownership, Charles B. and Ernestine E. King purchased the property in 1946, and lived there until they purchased the house across the street at 188 Cedar. ^{street} The current owner is Carolyn King. This house has been notably unchanged since the 1880s, and demonstrates the transformation in the Southside neighborhood from the simple form of the Greek Revival Style to a more decorative Queen Anne style.

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