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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): The Henry P. Sinclair House
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 14 East Fifth Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Thomas S. and Hilda T. Lando ADDRESS: 14 East Fifth Street
6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: single-family residence
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[x] b. good [] 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 OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: a. barn[] b. carriage house[] c. garage[x]
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[] e. commercial[]
f. industrial[] g. residential[x]
h. other:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

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: 1892

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

After 1948, a shed-roofed addition was added to the south side of the house. It is built on a rubble stone foundation and is sided to match the house. In 1984, the upstairs bedroom was enlarged by removing a partition.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The houses on the south side of East Fifth street between Pine and Cedar streets have an even setback, but inconsistent east-to-west spacing. The lots of this block are quite large, as are the houses. The styles on this block range from Queen Anne Style to Dutch Colonial Revival Style to Italian Villa Style???

This house is bounded on either side by open space. The grade drops steeply from the house towards the west, and then levels off. There are sandstone walks on the property, as well as a bulkhead at the southwest corner of the house. The grade also drops sharply from the house toward the north.

Prior to 1948, two different garages occupied a rear portion of the property. Currently, there is a modern four-car garage with wood shingles.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This cross-gable gambrel roofed house is two-and-a-half stories high. It is of the Dutch Colonial Revival Style which is characterized by its gambrel roof. The Colonial Style elements include the elliptical windows and the front door surrounds. The front door is flanked by leaded glass side lights and has a half-elliptical leaded transom window. Additionally, there are very thin colonettes that accent the front door.

The exterior wall material of the house is wood shingles and the foundation is of rough cut stone. There are two exterior chimneys on the house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the center third of Lot #3 and #4 of Block 54 as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house was constructed by Henry P. Sinclair, Jr. who was the secretary of the Corning Flint Glass Company and later the secretary for the T.G. Hawkes Company. Eventually, Sinclair founded his own glass company, This company, H.P. Sinclair & Co. was founded in 1904. Marvin Olcott, a prominent real estate investor, was a silent partner in this business. This company was Corning's engraving specialist and the glass was sold coast to coast and in Canada. H.P. Sinclair & Co. was in operation until 1928.

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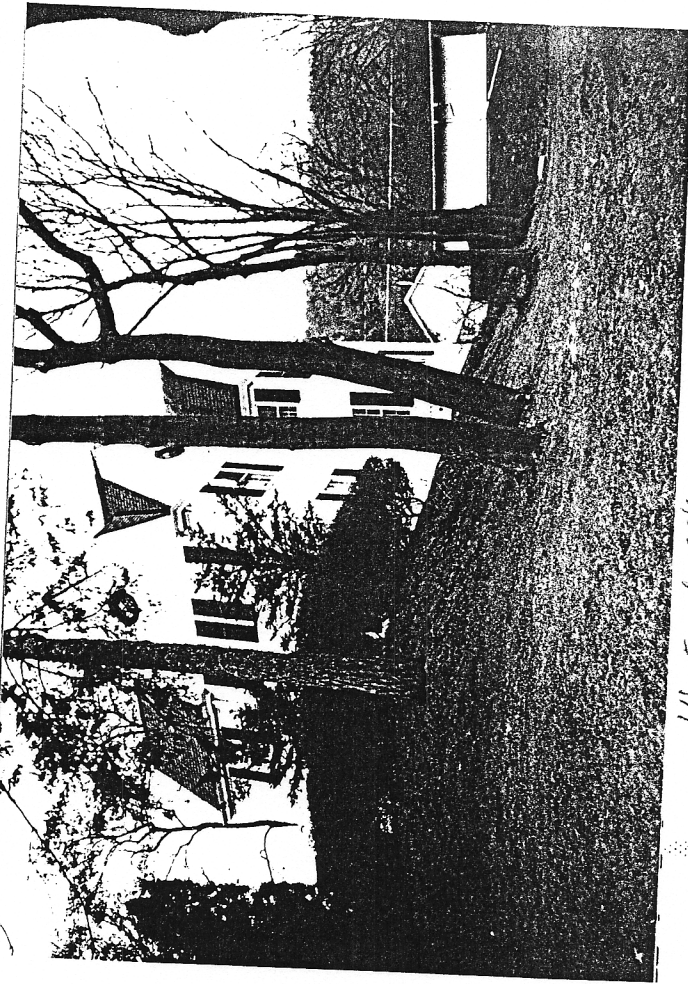
Steuben County Tax Rolls 1850-1909, County Records Office at Steuben County Infirmary, Bath, NY.

-1892 - H.P. Sinclair, Jr. -Block 54, lot 3. Vacant. \$1000.

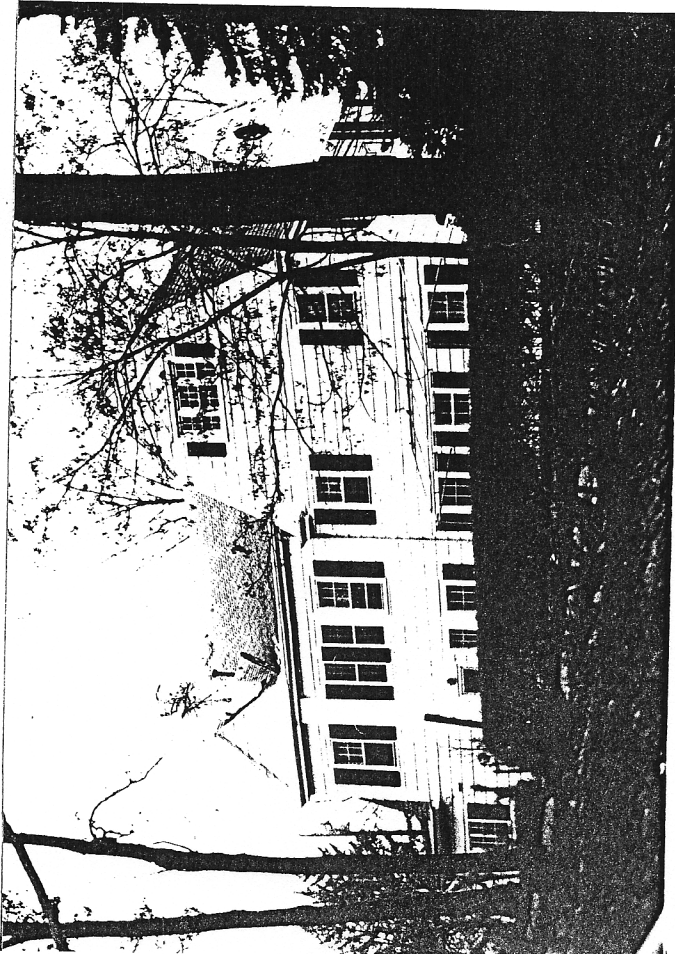
-1893 - H.P. Sinclair, Jr. -Block 54, lot 3. House. \$2500.

Steuben County Tax Rolls 1910-present, County Treasurer's Office, Bath, NY.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



14 East 5th (NW)



14 East 5th (east)