

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: 10 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Margaret S. King ADDRESS: 10 East First Street, Coming, NY 14830
- 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 [] b. stone [] c. brick [] d. board & batten []
 - e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [] g. stucco [X] other: asbestos shingles
- 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):
- 12. PHOTO:
- 13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- a. none known b. zoning c. roads
d. developers e. deterioration
f. other:

15. RELATED OUT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

- a. bam 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 BUILDINGS 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: between 1893 and 1898

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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Corning, New York

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on a sloping lot on the south side of East First Street, this building is one of several large nineteenth century homes that line the street. The building, while sharing a similar set back as its neighbors, covers almost the entire east - west expanse of its lot which causes it to be in close proximity to its western neighbor (2-8 E. First Street).

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF THE BUILDING AND SITE:

Designed in the Queen Anne Style of architecture, this structure contains many decorative elements associated with this period. The Queen Anne Style combines historic and original motifs in an eclectic mix of materials, roof forms, and the use of varied window types. This style was in practice from 1880 - 1910.

The irregular composition of the structure with its large open gable facing the street and lower cross gables, wraparound porch, and projecting gable with cutaway corners are part of the picturesque quality of this style. Corners of the northern (front) facade are cutaway and supported with ornamental brackets. Palladian and lunette windows are visible in the gable ends on the principal facade. The building has two porches; one wraps around the north and west facades composed of classical Tuscan columns on pedestals linked by sections of open turned rails, while the other, a newer addition on the south facade, is enclosed with jalousie windows. The structure is covered with asbestos shingles. The foundation, where visible, is composed of coursed stone.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The first visible evidence of the structure at this location is on the 1898 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, therefore it can be assumed that it was constructed between 1893 and 1898 as it is not visible in 1893.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED):

The Corning City Directory of 1899, indicates that Alfred M. Gamman lived at this location and was probably the first resident of the house. In Landmarks of Steuben County by Harlo Hakes, 1896, Alfred M. Gamman is mentioned. He was born in Corning and graduated of the New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1876. He practiced in the medical profession until 1888 in Atlanta, Georgia. He returned to Corning in 1890 and was a partner in Robinson and Gamman, a dry goods retailer.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Steuben County Deeds; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908; Maps of Corning, 1857, 1893; Landmarks of Steuben County, Harlo Hakes, 1896; Assessment Records.

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