

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
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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: 2-8 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Ernest Brand, Jr. ADDRESS: RD #3, Box 204, 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 [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):
- 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. 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 BUILDINGS 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):

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: Before 1882

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Placed on an elevated site at the corner of First and Pine streets, this building is situated in a neighborhood of other large nineteenth century homes, churches and public buildings. The building is across the street from the First Methodist Church.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF THE BUILDING AND SITE:

This building contains an eclectic mix of elements and styles. The main block of the structure is in Italianate Style in form, with a low-pitched roof, generous overhang, and supporting brackets.

A later addition to the east (built between 1903 and 1908) has been executed in the Queen Anne Style evident in the clipped and bracketed corners. The addition repeats the overhang and brackets of the earlier building campaign. Other notable features of the house include projecting gabled pavilions with decorative stickwork and vertical siding in the gable ends on the north and west facades, an Eastlake porch which extends from the addition along the full width of the northern facade, a tower form at the intersection of the addition and the older structure, and two second story doorways on the northern facade which possibly gave access to an earlier porch. The rear of the building reveals a two-story porch with an exterior stairway.

The older portion of the building rests on a coursed stone foundation and the addition rests on a cast stone foundation. The entire building is covered in wooden clapboarding.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE.

The first visible evidence of the structure is on the 1888 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map. Only the Italianate Style structure is evident from the footprint. The later addition to the east is visible on the 1908 Sanborn fire insurance map, therefore it can be assumed that it was constructed between 1903 and 1908 as it is not visible in 1903.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE (CONTINUED):

A map of the city of Corning (Harry C. Heermans, 1893) details the ownership of each property in the city and shows the name J. I. Stanton on the property at the corner of East First and Pine streets. City Directory research revealed that Stanton lived at this address until 1903 when four unrelated names appear in the city directory for this address. Deeds indicate that Stanton purchased the property from Sidney B. Howell in 1880 for \$600.

J. I. Stanton was the owner of J. I. Stanton and Company, a lumber and wood products dealer (1893 Corning City Directory). The 1899 Corning City Directory indicates that Stanton had merged with Brewster to form Stanton & Brewster, a wholesale / retail lumber dealer.

A brief biography of Jerome I. Stanton is documented in Landmarks of Steuben County (H. Hakes, 1896). Born in Great Bend, Pennsylvania on November 18, 1841, he was a member of the 17th Pennsylvania Voluntary Cavalry and fought during the Civil War. The biography places him in the area in 1871 when he worked as a traveling salesman for a company located in Painted Post. He would eventually take over this company and sell it to Fish and Holmes in 1879. That same year he purchased a planing mill property in Painted Post and began his own lumber business. In 1888 Stanton was elected to the General Conference and became active in the Prohibition party.

21. SOURCES:

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

↙ 28⁸ East First (2 to 8)

