

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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: 22 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Robert & Mickie Vollmer ADDRESS: P.O. Box 126, Tyrone, NY 14889
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential/Commercial
- 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 [X] 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. 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 1898 and 1903

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:

This multi-use property is situated on the north side of East First Street between Pine and Cedar streets. It is one of many large nineteenth century buildings which line the street. The area has a mix of residential, ecclesiastical, and commercial uses. This building contains both residential and commercial units. The structure is situated closer to the street than the surrounding buildings and spans almost the entire east - west axis of the lot.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF THE BUILDING AND SITE.

The property can be defined as an open-gabled cottage (American Vernacular Design 1870-1940, Gottfried and Jennings) with a secondary perpendicular gable running parallel to the street. This simply ornamented house has elements related to various styles and building campaigns. Most notable is a carport in the Bungalow Style with tapered posts on pedestals. This carport extends out from the west facade of the house. A series of later one-story additions on the rear of the house display no stylistic features.

The house is covered in painted wooden shingles. Windows on the street facade are principally two-over-two double-hung sash with classical lintels and are flanked by fixed louvered shutters. The main door is protected by a gabled hood which is supported by decorative brackets and appears to be a later addition.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The first visible evidence of the structure is on the 1868 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map. The City of Corning Map of 1893, by Harry C. Heermans indicates that Mrs. E. Story was the owner of this property although deed research indicates that Story purchased the property from Alice Graves in 1890 for \$3,600. Graves had purchased the property from Martin Clover.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED):

Corning City Directories of 1893 does not list Elizabeth Story at this address. The first confirmed resident is Albert S. Cook (1899). Cook was a partner in Fletcher and Cook (1899), furniture dealers and undertakers and Cook & Suffern (1908) a grocery. A photograph of the Cook & Suffern store appears on page 45 of Camera on Corning by Mary Ann Sprague.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Steuben County Deeds; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1868, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908; Maps of Corning, 1857, 1893; Camera on Corning: The Photographs of Frank E. Hewitt, Corning, New York 1902 - 1917, by Mary Ann Sprague, 1990; Assessment Records.



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