

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): Christ Episcopal Church Parish House
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 33 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Christ Episcopal Church ADDRESS: 33 East First Street, Corning, NY 14830
- 6. USE: Original: Ecclesiastical Present: Ecclesiastical
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [X] No []
Interior accessible: Yes [] No [X] Explain: Private

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL
 - a. clapboard [] b. stone [X] c. brick [] d. board & batten []
 - e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [] g. stucco [X] other:
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 - a. wood frame with interlocking joints []
 - b. wood frame with light members [X]
 - c. masonry load bearing walls [X]
 - 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: 1942

ARCHITECT: C. Stores Barrows & Associates

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:

Situated on the north side of East First Street between Christ Episcopal Church and J. W. Darrin House, this structure acts as the Parish House for the neighboring church. The building has a generous setback and is linked to Christ Episcopal Church through an addition that runs along the northern edge of the site. The area between the Parish House and the buttressed walls of the church has been converted into a play area for children.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

Designed in the Tudor Revival Style of architecture, the building displays a varied use of materials. This style was popular between 1890-1940 and is loosely based on Medieval English prototypes.

The Parish House has a broad street-facing gable with a cross gable extending to the east. The southern (front) facade has a projecting gabled bay and half timbering as its dominant features. The gabled bay is constructed in stone and serves as the main entrance to the Parish House. Offset on the front (south) facade, this bay has double door with diamond pane sash. The broad gable of the southern facade features half timbering typical of the Tudor Revival Style. The walls of the first and second stories have been stuccoed. The structure rests on a random ashlar foundation which rises five feet from the ground level and is topped by a stone watertable. The Parish House features single and tripled steel casement windows.

A later addition (1957) that links the Parish House to Christ Episcopal Church repeats the stone foundation of the house and extends from the western end of the Parish House to the east side of the church. This one-story structure has been stuccoed on the rear elevation, while windows extending from the first story to the basement are the principal feature of the street facing facade. This structure has a flat roof and aluminium frame fixed and hopper windows.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Built in 1942, the Parish House contains meeting rooms, offices, and educational facilities for Christ Episcopal Church, founded in 1841 and located on the adjacent lot since 1893. The two structures are linked through an addition which was built in 1957 by the same architect that designed the Parish House, C. Stores Barrows & Associates of Rochester.

The history of the Parish House is unique in that on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the church, Easter Day 1941, a special collection was taken to raise the funds necessary to build the structure. The collection was successful and the Parish House was completed the next year.

21. SOURCES:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of 1945, Christ Episcopal Church Centennial Program; Interview with Sturges Cary - Christ Episcopal Church Archivist.



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