

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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FOR OFFICE USE _____
UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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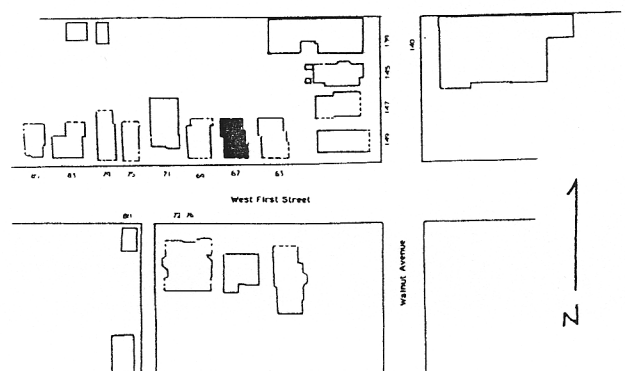
ORGANIZATION (if any): Cornell University

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S):
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 67 West First Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Susie McKinney ADDRESS: 67 West First St, Corning
Present: Private Residence
6. USE: Original: Private Residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [x] No []
Interior accessible: Yes [] No [X] Explain: Private Use

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)

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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: ca. 1888-1893.

ARCHITECT: Unknown.

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11. INTEGRITY:

Built between 1888 and 1893 the structure was substantially enlarged on the north end ca. 1903. Originally known as 62 West First Street, there have been no additions since the ca. 1903 alterations and there are no outbuildings.

There is inappropriate corrugated plastic siding on the west side of the porch.

On the rear of the parcel is the previous location of a two-story building, known as 4504 West First Street, that ceased to exist by 1908.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This side of West First Street in the block to the northwest of Courthouse Park is characterized by a scattering of houses on the parcels. The setbacks along this north side of West First Street are relatively consistent. In addition, while there is a similarity in form of many of the buildings on this block, the styling and materials are different enough so as to minimize the coherency of the block as a whole. Only one of the buildings on this side of the street dates from 1857 or earlier, unlike the other side of West First Street. Finally, there is a church in this row of residences that further adds to the feeling that this varied enclave of structures is like a small neighborhood, separate from the park to the southeast and the commercial areas to the north and east. The hilly terrain further serves to isolate this neighborhood from its surroundings.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-and-a-half-story, double front gabled house has Queen Anne Style massing with spindlework detailing. Most of its exterior is covered with clapboard siding but the gable ends are clad with staggered wood shingles that create a wave pattern. The windows are unique in that they are eight-, twelve- or thirty- over-one double hung sash which is only found in one other house in block of West First Street. The wrap-around porch has a clipped edge on the southeast corner and decorative motifs on the gable ends. There is a projecting bay on the east facade of the house and Queen Anne sash windows in the gables on the front facade of the house.

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE, continued:

The steeply pitched roof is covered with composition shingle roofing and there is a keyhole window on the west side of the house on the first floor.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was built by Hiram Bostwick, a brakeman for the Erie Railroad. He is not to be confused with the Hiram Bostwick who was the first president of the Bank of Corning and a trustee of the Corning Company. The house was built between 1888 and 1893.

The house sits on property formerly owned by Thomas Johnson, a New York State Supreme Court justice, who lived in the former Erlacher home at 147 Walnut Street.

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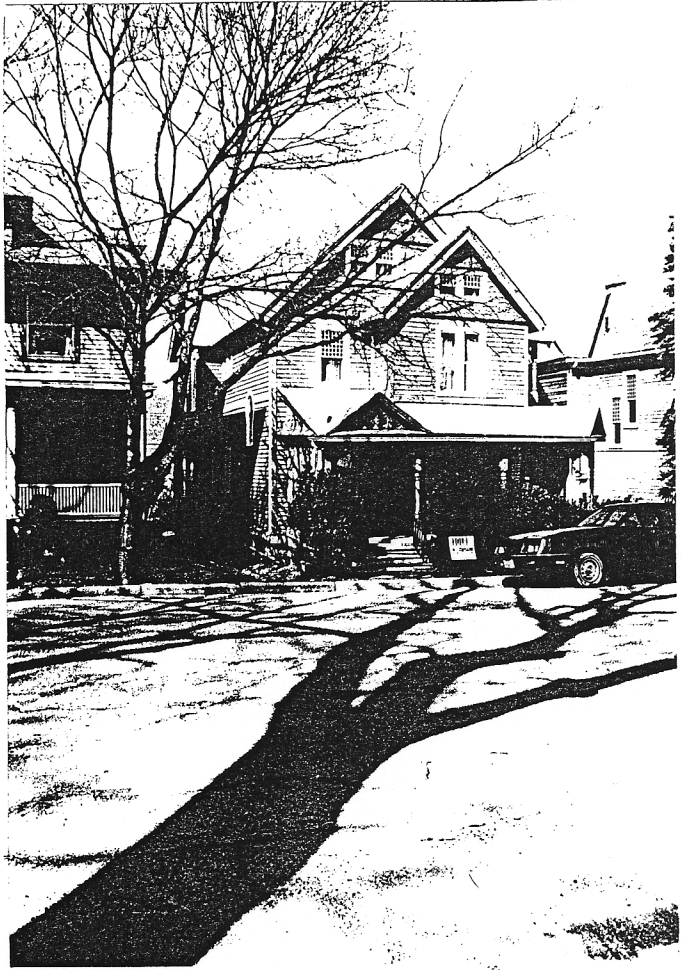
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