

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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

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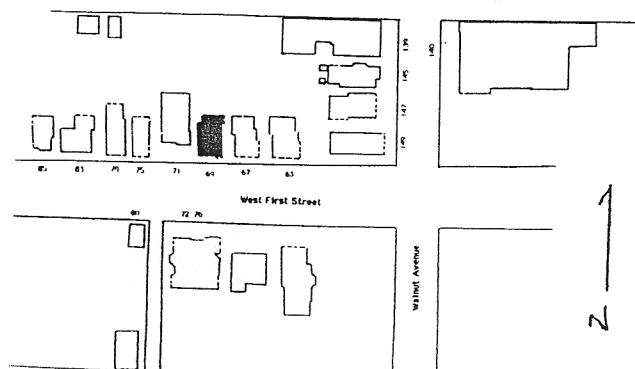
ORGANIZATION (if any): Cornell University

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 69 West First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Louis & Laura Bettone ADDRESS: 69 West First Street, Corning
- 6. USE: Original: Private Residence Present: Two Family Residence
- 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: ecclesiastical
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):
- See Continuation Sheet

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1908-1913.

ARCHITECT: Unknown.

BUILDER: Unknown

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

 See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11. INTEGRITY:

This building was built between 1908 and 1913 and remains substantially as it was originally constructed except for a single story addition on the rear built between 1913 and 1921.

The outbuilding on the north end of the property dates from the period 1921 to 1930 and has been built on the site of a previous residence (62 1/2 or 4505 West First St) that was built ca. 1898 and was replaced by the present garage.

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 Colonial Revival-style structure, in a mode of design sometimes referred to as the American Four Square house, has a hipped roof with dormers atop the south, east and west slopes of the roof. There is a full-width porch across the West First Street side of the house. The house has clapboard siding and large double-hung sash windows distributed across the exterior. A large chimney looms over the roof of composition sheeting.

The outbuilding (garage) on the rear of the site is similarly clad with clapboard siding and is capped with a hipped roof that is covered with asphalt sheet roofing.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house was constructed on property that was at one time part of the estate of Thomas Johnson, New York State Supreme Court justice, but which was sold to the Gregorius family by 1893. They in turn had sold the property by 1895. John Burlekew, a brakeman for the Erie Railroad, purchased the property in 1907 and it is during the period that he owned the property that the house was constructed.

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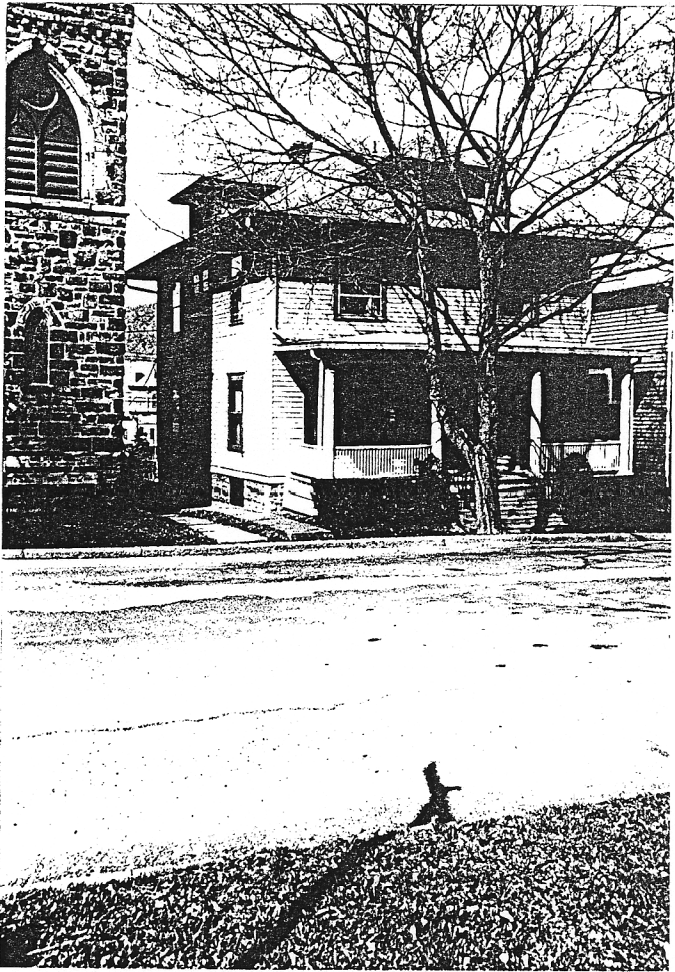
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