

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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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: 89 East First Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Dr. Indira Sharma  
ADDRESS: 6 Overbrook Drive, Painted Post, NY
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Rental dwelling
- 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 [X] 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] veneer?  
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: 10. 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)

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: According to Sanborn maps, built between 1903 and 1908.

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

- c. 1. Porch and balcony removed from the main (south) facade. The porch was a full-width one-story feature supported by three pairs of Ionic columns. It was replaced by a one-story entrance porch, with low-pitched hipped roof and inappropriate square posts.
- c. 2. Arched lantern window on the south gable end has been modified to a rectangular window.
- c. 3. New glazing of the windows and installation of asphalt as roofing material.
- c. 4. On the north facade, enclosure of the stairways to the basement and the second floor.
- c. 5. Probably divided into two rental units in 1941 and then into three units at an unknown date.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of East First Street, this residence is one of a group of Queen Anne-style houses in this neighborhood. It is notable as an attractive example with distinctive turret and pointed gable end. Most of the houses on the block have similar setbacks (with the exception of property in 77 East First Street located west to 89 East First Street, which has a wider setback), but the east to west spacing is specially narrow among houses on this part of the block.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

An example of the so-called "Free Classic" Queen Anne Style of architecture (see V. & L. Mc Alester, Field Guide to American Houses), this structure has a lower story constructed of brick with the upper stories clad in wood shingles. The dominant features of the asymmetrical main facade are a second story turret on the south east corner, the pointed vergeboard in the front gable end and the hipped roof. A replacement porch with a shed roof shelters the main entrance. The Queen Anne windows in the brick first story are placed singly and have simple stone lintels and sills, whereas the windows in the upper stories are in groups or bands topped by panels with classical swags as detailing. The tall chimney on the east side is another Queen Anne-style element. There are two shed dormers on the east side of the gabled roof. The north facade is complicated with a variety of additions including an enclosed porch and stairway. The house is set on a stone foundation and has an asphalt shingle roof.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Originally part of lot #16 on Block #48, this parcel was probably first acquired prior to 1887 by Mrs. B. W. Payne who was also the owner of lots 14 and 15 of this

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE (continued):

block. Later, in 1905, the lot was divided for development. The first owner of the building was probably Edward H. Gray - a bond salesman - who owned the property until 1949 and lived there until 1929, after which the property was rented. The Gray family retained ownership of the property until 1977 (firstly Margaret D. Gray and then Harvey W. Gray). Thelma M. Walter owned the property for two years, giving it to her son in her will after her death in 1977. Joseph K. Walter sold it to its current owner Indira Sharma who also administers it as rental units

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Tax Assesment Files City Hall of Corning; Bath County Deeds; Historical Society of Corning; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930; Maps of Corning 1857 and 1893.



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