

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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ORGANIZATION (if any): Preservation Planning Workshop, Cornell University

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Coming VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 31-33 West Fourth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Christopher P. and Margaret Gallagher ADDRESS:
- 6. USE: Original: Residence Present: 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 [] b. stone [] c. brick [] d. board and batten []
 e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [] g. stucco [X] other: Asbestos clapboard
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints []
 (if known) 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):

See Continuation Sheet

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:

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES

The residence at 31-33 West Fourth Street is a two-family house. Although the house was subdivided early on its existence, approximately 1910, this suggests interior alterations. In addition, the asbestos siding is a later addition.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of West Fourth Street, the house is located between two houses of similar size and setback. It is the third house in from the corner of Walnut and Fourth streets.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE

The residence at 31-33 West Fourth Street is a two-story structure designed in the Italianate style. Italianate elements of this residence include the flat roof, bay window (on the west facade), and use of brackets on the porch. The main facade faces south and is asymmetrical in its fenestration pattern. This house is a wood frame structure clad in asbestos siding. There is a one-story porch extending across the main facade. The porch has an enclosed balustrade and features wood supports ending in brackets.

The first level of the south facade contains the main entrance and a window to either side of it. The two windows are each one-over-one-light double-hung sash with the window to the west of the entrance being wider than that to the east of the entrance. The two windows on the second level of the south facade are each two-over-two-light double-hung sash. The west facade contains a one-story bay window. Each section of this window contains a one-over-one-light double-hung sash.

There is a one-story outbuilding in the northwest corner of the lot clad in asbestos siding.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

The Southside neighborhood of Coming is historically and architecturally significant as an intact manifestation of Coming's growth from an early nineteenth-century settlement through its very prosperous early twentieth-century period. The first settlers to the area which is now the City of Coming arrived late in 1789. The Chemung River which runs through Coming provided an early transportation link to points south including Pennsylvania and southern New York. Lumber was the primary industry during this early period. With the relocation of the Brooklyn Flint Glass Works to Coming, the town witnessed its first manufacturing advance. This company, later to be renamed the Coming Glass Works or then Coming, Inc., would dictate much of the future growth and prosperity of Coming. The Southside neighborhood above Third Street would begin to be settled in the late 1870s. In the area of Southside in which Blocks 56 and 68 are located, the Italianate and Second Empire styles of architecture would continue

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20. Historical and Architectural Importance (Continued)

to be popular during the 1860s and 1870s. By the 1880s, the Queen Anne Style would become quite prominent. Other styles such as the Colonial Revival Style would also become popular after the turn of the century

The land on which this residence is located was brought from John Heermans by John Casey in 1876. Casey whose occupation is not documented in historical records, probably financed the construction of the house which is present today. A Map of Corning from 1893 records the property as being owned by the Casey family, however city directories show several different tenants between 1903 and 1911. In 1911 Frank Hultzman, a glass blower moves into the house after purchasing the property in 1907. Hultzman probably converted the house to a two-family unit. This house is similar in size to other rental properties, and from 1911 until the 1980s, the house would be occupied primarily by glass blowers and other employees of the Corning Glass Works. Edna Sullivan, the daughter of Hultzman (and her husband) would be the owner of the property and constant tenants from the 1930s to the mid 1980s.

21. SOURCES

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City Directory Information

The residence is listed as "33 West Fourth Street" only from 1903 to 1907. In the 1910-11 directory it is listed only as "31 West Fourth". Both addresses "31-33 West Fourth" begin to appear as a regular listing in 1911-12 directory.

1903	Michael J. Brann, clerk, Dickinson House.
1905	As above.
1907	Walter Wood, glass blower.
1909-10	Robert P. Clark, glass blower.
1911-12	31--Francis E. Hultzma, glass blower. 33--Frank J. Hultzman, glass blower.
1913-14	As above.
1917-18	31--Willis C. Ormsby, bookkeeper, Corning Glass Works. 33--As above.
1919-20	As above.
1923	As above.
1925	As above.
1927	As above.
1929	31--Ormsby and John P. Sullivan, glass blower, Corning Glass Works. 33--As above.
1933	31--John P. Sullivan 33--As above.
1936	31--Sullivan and H. Boyden Tyler, employed at The Baron Steuben Community Hotel. 33--As above.
1939	As above.
1944	As above.
1947	As above.
1950	31--Richard D. Sullivan. 33--Hultzman and Mrs. Edna Sullivan, widow of John P. Sullivan.
1952	As above.
1955	As above.
1958	31--Robert H. Pancoast, employee of Corning Glass Works, and wife Helen. 33--As above.
1961	31--Arthur L. Malenfont, chemist, Corning Glass Works, and wife Geneva T. 33--Edna Sullivan only.
1965	31--Ferdinand L. Schwenzfeier, engineer, C.P. Company, and wife Eileen T. 33--As above.
1968	31--Jos. Ruocco, manager, National Shoe Store, and wife Carol. 33--As above.

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City Directory Information (Continued)

1971 31--George W. Cullen, director of community relations, Boy Scouts of America, and wife Theresa.
33--Edna Sullivan, and son John E. Sullivan, employed at BOE Club.

1975 31--Donald E. Lovejoy, employed at Corning Glass Works, and wife Marjorie.
33--As above.

1979 31 Julie Dickinson, student and Kevin Scouter, welder, Corning Glass Works, and wife Teresa.
33--As above.

1985 31--Richard Terwilliger and wife Donna.
33--As above.

1988 31--Lynn Campbell, head cashier, Amerada Hess Gasoline Station.
33--Edna Sullivan only.

1991 31 no information available.
33--Paul Gallagher.

Deed Research:

1876 John Casey (purchased from John Heermans as Trustee for \$250).
1906 Arthur A. Houghton
1907 Mary Wood
1907 Frank Hultman and Edna Sullivan
1983 John E. Sullivan
1988 R.A. and B.J. Hitchcock
1989 C. P. Gallagher

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