

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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

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

YOUR NAME: Jeffrey A. Harris

DATE: December 18, 1992

YOUR ADDRESS: 106 W. Sibley Hall

TELEPHONE: _____

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

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 59 East Fourth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: John R. Sicotte ADDRESS: 59 East Fourth Street
- 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 & batten []
e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [] g. stucco [] other: aluminum siding
- 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 [x] b. good [] 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 OUTBUILDINGS 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 BUILDING 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):

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1952

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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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

Aluminum siding added: 1980
Entry porch added: 1988

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This residence, located on the north side of East Fourth Street, is situated amongst an eclectic mix of houses of a variety of architectural styles, including the Queen Anne, Italianate, and Colonial Revival Styles. There is a wide variety of sizes to these homes, which are situated along both sides of the street with irregular spacing and setback widths. The houses on this block are all located at the southern end of their narrow lots, and have expensive rear yards sloping down to the north towards the alley, which bisects the block. This residence is situated quite close to the neighboring residence to the east, and the land drops off sharply to the north from the front yard.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

59 East Fourth Street is a simple, side-gabled house in the Garrison Colonial Style. The house is completely sheathed in aluminum siding, and rests upon a concrete foundation. Its three-bay front (south) facade features wide picture windows in slightly protruding bays, flanking a gabled entry porch. The porch is supported by two square, wood piers upon a brick stoop, and contains a sunburst pattern in its gable end. The thermo-efficient door in the entrance is framed by simple pilasters and a cornice. Above the narrow second-floor overhang, two eight-over-eight double-hung sash with louvered shutters are centered above the bay windows. The two gable ends of the house are identical, featuring two bays of one-over-one windows on each floor, all within a slightly protruding two-story bay. On the rear (north) facade, a one-story open porch extends from the center of the first-floor level, with an enclosed balustrade, square piers, and side awnings. The porch is supported from below by square piers, and the basement level has an entrance under this porch.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The residence is a typical example of the Garrison Colonial-style house that was popular during the later period of the Colonial Revival. It was one of the many houses constructed during the 1950s in the Southside Neighborhood, when many new residences were being built in the surrounding area to fill the undeveloped lots in the blocks. It sits on the site of an earlier building, constructed sometime between 1882 and 1893, and destroyed between 1903 and 1908.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Steuben County Deeds; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1918, 1923, 1930, 1948; Assessment Records; Bird's-Eye View of Corning, 1882; City of Corning. Corning; Harry C. Heermans, City Engineer, 1893; Building Permit Records.

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MAP INFORMATION:

- 1882 - House does not exist on site, according to Bird's-Eye View.
- 1893 - House exists at 59 East Fourth Street, with name, "Mrs. M. A. Rouse "
- 1903 - Wood-framed house exists at 59 East Fourth Street.
- 1908 - House does not exist on site.
- 1948 - House does not exist on site.

CITY DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

- 1903 - Mrs. Mary A. Rouse, widow Carlos, home at 59 East Fourth Street.
- 1905 - Same
- 1907 - No listing
- 1950 - No listing
- 1952 - Eugene G. Knapp, manager, Corning Paper Company, home at 59 East Fourth.

DEED INFORMATION:

- October 15, 1951 - Clement L. and Augusta H. Murphy to Eugene J. and Madeline M. Knapp, Lot 10, Block 51. Book 625, page 53.