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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): The Cyrus D. Sill House
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 259 Pine Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Lois Welk ADDRESS: 259 Pine Street
- 6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: single-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[] b. stone[] c. brick[] 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]
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: See Continuation Sheet
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:

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: circa 1869

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

Originally, this house was an outbuilding to the Cyrus Sill House at 4 West Fourth Street. Since that conversion, it has been added to a great deal. It appears that the original portion of the house is at the center. From Pine Street, this is side gabled. A later addition, between 1913 and 1921, was the front gabled upright. After 1945, an attached garage was added at the west, or rear, of the house.

Since this time, the exterior wall surface of the house has been covered with asbestos shingles and shutters added. In addition, a flat-roofed entry portico has been added to the northeast corner of the house. Another alteration is the replacement of some of the windows and the addition of a large picture window at the east, or front, of the house.

There is a recent shed-roof addition at the west facade of the house. The exterior walls are board and batten siding.

The house for which this was an outbuilding (4 West Fifth) is currently in the Tudor Style. It is a cross-gabled house with irregular bay divisions. The windows, probably a later alteration, are six-over-one-light sash with inoperable shutters, which are also probably not original. There is an interior lateral chimney within the main east-to-west gable of the roof. The exterior of the house is stucco, but there is evidence that it was originally clapboard.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house is at the rear of the property of Cyrus Sill's house at the corner of Pine and West Fifth streets. It is directly adjacent to the alley. Aside from this house, the houses of Pine Street have an even setback from the road. They have uneven north-to-south spacing. The front yard of this house is quite deep, about 100 feet, and the house is barely visible from the road.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This cross gabled Cottage Type house was constructed as an outbuilding. It has both one-over-one sash and six-over-one sash windows. There is a brick chimney at the interior ridge. The upright has a low pitched roof and has Greek Revival Style characteristics.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed in the southern third of Lot #7 in Block 70 as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house was originally an outbuilding for Cyrus Sill's residence at 4 West Fifth Street. It has been said that for a time it acted as a school house. Also, in 1903, it is shown that Anna B., Julia M. and Cyrus D., Jr. were boarding at 4 W. Fifth Street. They may have been living in this house at that time. Additionally, in 1945, an easement was given to Anna B. and Julia M. Sill to become the owners of the south 40 feet of lots 7 & 8 in Block 70. At this time, they were living at 259 Pine. The Sill sisters were school teachers, and it has been said that they taught school in this structure. Cyrus Sill was a liquor dealer on Market Street.

259 Pine Street

Corning, NY

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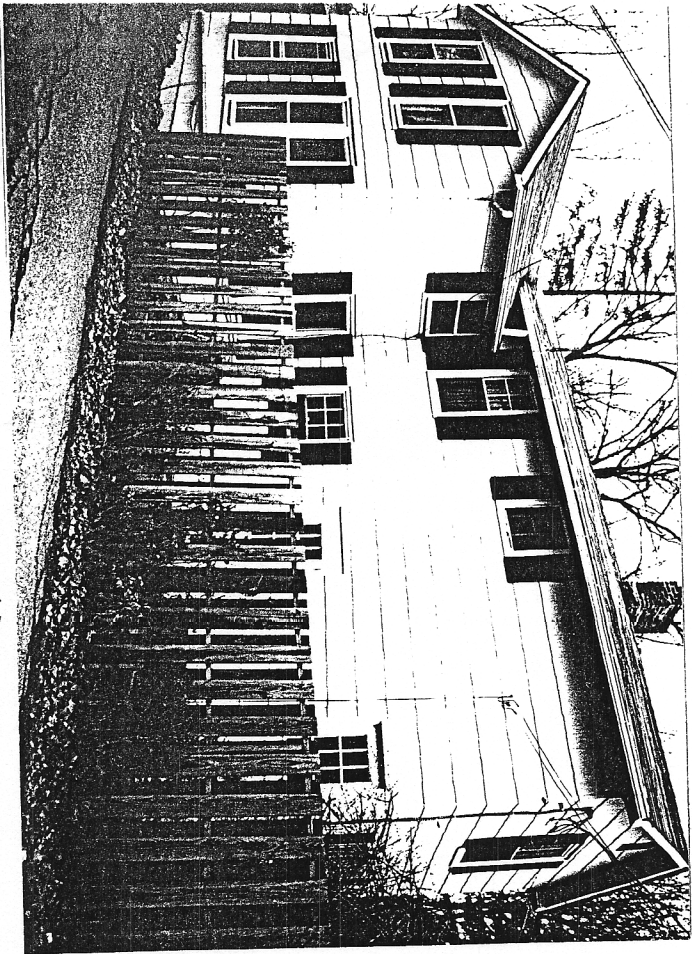
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



259 Pine (south)

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(on disk)