

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 Charles H. Freeman House
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 265 Pine Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Robert A. and Paula E. Mourhess ADDRESS: 265 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[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[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 1884

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

There are very few alterations to this house. The main change was at the north side of the house--the porch originally wrapped around, put was enclosed to form an entry. The new entry was covered with a hipped roof. It may have been at this time that the one-story front porch was altered. There are simple craftsman style supports for the hip-roofed front porch.

At the northwest corner of the house, there is a recent deck with a fiberglass awning.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The houses at Pine Street vary in style and have a consistent setback from the road. The north-to-south spacing of these homes is inconsistent. They, for the most part, are smaller homes.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This gabled ell Italianate Cottage Type house has two-over-two sash windows with pedimented surrounds. The shutters appear to be original. There is an half-octagonal bay on a foundation at the north side of the house. It has two-over-two sash windows and a recessed panel below each of these windows. The wall surface is covered with clapboard. There is a brick chimney at the interior ridge of the house.

The front porch is modified from its earlier form. The supports seem to be from the Craftsman period. The house sits on a rubble stone foundation.

Also notable, is the gabled barn adjacent to the alley at the northwest corner of the site. It has novelty drop siding and a hay loft with a door. There are two sliding barn doors with vertical siding at the east facade. There are six-over-six sash window at the north facade and the structure is supported on concrete piers.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed in the northern halves of lots #15 and #16 in Block 70 as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house was built for Charles H. Freeman about 1884. Mr. Freeman was a daily report clerk for the F.B. Freight Office. Prior to that, he was a grocer.

21. SOURCES:

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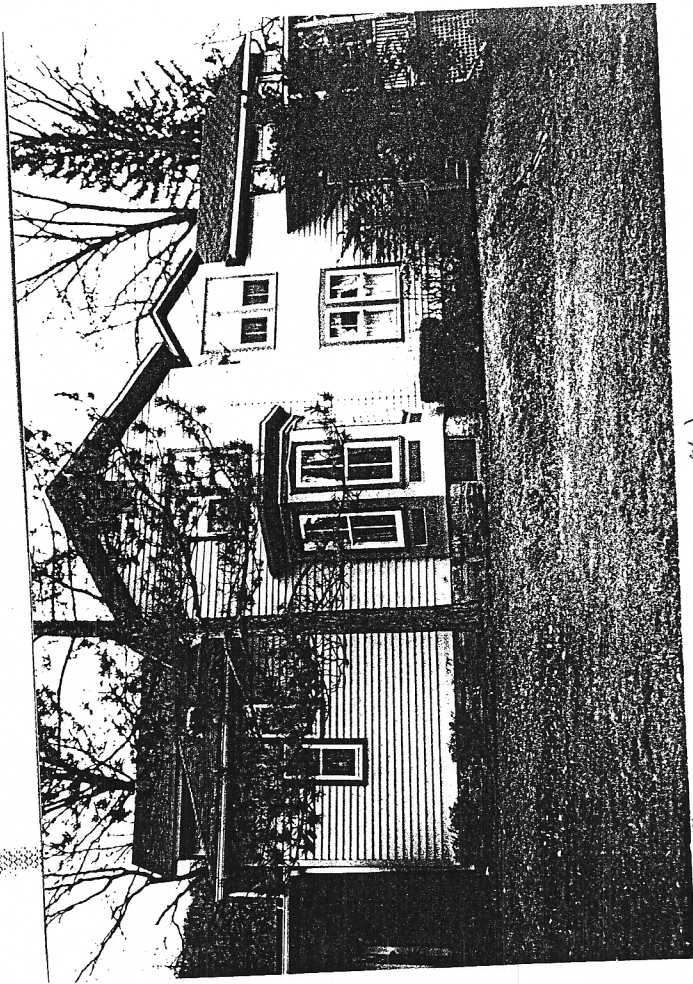
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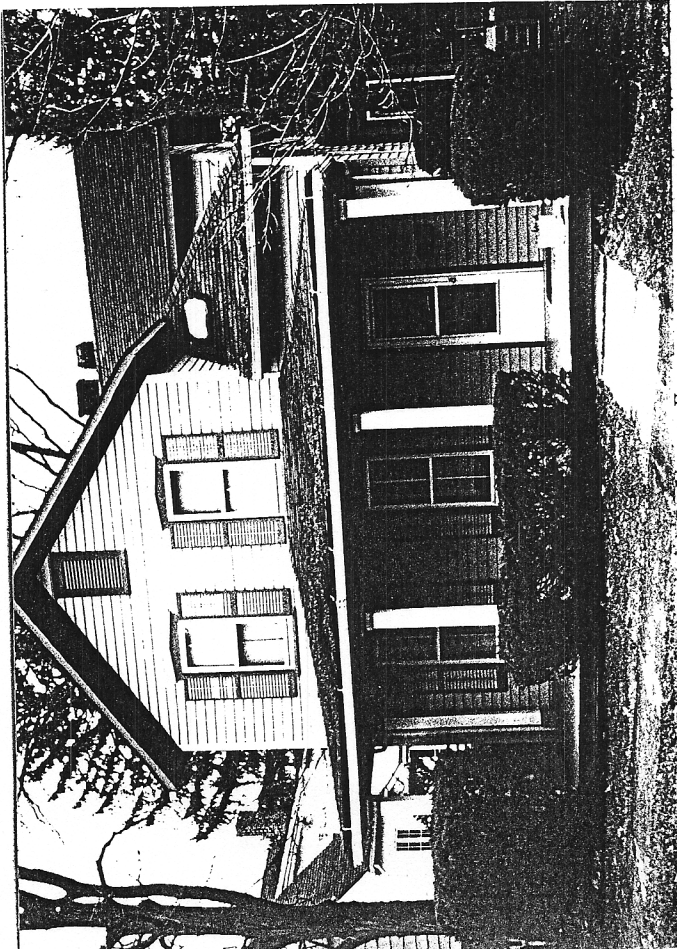
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



265 Pine (north)



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↙ outbuilding @ 259 Pine
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