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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):
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Coming VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 16 East Second Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Russell Porter ADDRESS: ?
6. USE: Original: ~~Single-family residence~~ Residential Present: Residential
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. matal (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)

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:

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

Note → similar to #12 E. 2nd
in form & decoration?

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when was the existing
pedimented portico
added?

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This ca. 1875 house appears on the first Sanborn Fire Insurance maps of the area with a full ^{width} front porch, but with the same general plan as the current structure. The porch was probably removed sometime after 1950. The house has remained otherwise unchanged. What about foundation?

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house at 16 East Second Street is set on a narrow lot which is above the level of East Second Street. The front steps are accessed by a set of concrete steps leading to the sidewalk, another set of concrete steps goes from the sidewalk to the street. There is also a wide concrete retaining wall placed along the eastern side of the house. A series of metal supports set into the wall under the side window bays help stabilize the building.

← makes it sound
like it's attached
to the house

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

the facade has a rear? No

ring? This Italianate-style house is a large two-story block with a rear one-story section at its southeast corner. The building is clad in clapboard, and has a recently parged fieldstone foundation. A large through-eave chimney is located on the rear of the western facade. The house has a wide cornice with pairs of symmetrically placed wood brackets supporting the extended eaves. These brackets are similar to those next door at 12 East Second Street. Windows are generally two-over-two double-hung sash appropriate to the Italianate style, but there are also some one-over-one replacement sash.

The front facade has a two-story three-part bay with curved wood trim suggesting round lintels. The front porch has a fanlight motif in its pediment and metal railings, and with its square piers is able to support a smaller balustraded porch on the second story. The door in the second story porch has decorative Queen Anne colored lights with circular panel inserts, while the first-story entrance is a more conventional Italianate paired doorway. The eastern facade of the house is supported by a

Lisa - the way you phrase this it sounds like the railings also have a "fanlight motif" I assume you didn't mean that.

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what? what are you describing?

no! sunburst, maybe

as in circular?

→ does it have paired doors? Look at your

The house is not supported by this retaining wall —
the soil in the lot is retained by the wall

Corning, New York

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES...(continued):

concrete retaining wall. There are two separate one-story bays which have both decorative wood bracing attached to the house and metal supports set into the retaining wall. *on which facade?*

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This ca. 1875 house, along with several other properties, was sold to Frank D. Kingsbury as part of a speculative land deal in 1881. The property was sold the following year for \$2650 to Martha Myrtle, who owned the house with her husband Van Buren Myrtle until its sale in 1884. Julian C. Drake purchased the house from the Myrtles for \$3200 and lived there until his death in 1921. Mr. Drake owned several small businesses in Corning, including a men's furnishings store and a tobacco shop. The property was sold by Drake's heirs in 1922 to Mrs. F. Caroline Porter. Mrs. Porter and her husband E. Pyng Porter were the long-time proprietors of the Porter Furniture Store in Corning. The house remains in the family- the current owner is Russell Porter.

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