

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: Corning VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 59-61 East Second Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public[] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: William A. Pellicano III ADDRESS: 113 Argonne Street
Corning, NY 14830
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[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:

11. INTEGRITY/ALTERATIONS

Bay additions to south facade ca. 1893-98; porch removed from south facade ca. 1898-1903; porch additions to south and north facades ca. 1903-08; northwesternmost porch removed and addition to north facade post 1930. Some records of structural alterations/additions are available at the City of Corning Building Department.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the north side of West Second Street, this residence is one of a row of nineteenth and early twentieth century homes of various styles. These houses have similar setbacks from the street and are fairly consistent in their east to west spacing.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This duplex is designed in the Italianate style of architecture. It is an example of the most common Italianate style subtype of a building as noted in A Field Guide to American Houses (McAlester). The structure's identifying features include: two stories; a principle, three-ranked facade; a low-pitched, simple hipped roof with widely overhanging eaves having decorative brackets beneath; and tall, narrow windows.

Both stories of 59-61 West Second Street are covered with square shingles. The principle, south facade is highlighted by a projecting central pavilion which is crowned with a small cross gable with semicircular bargeboard in its tympanum. The pavilion is flanked by paired, apse-like bays which extend the full height of the structure. A Bungalow style entry porch, supported by three, square, tapered piers, extends width of the central bay on the first story. The cross gable and entry porch are common features of several additional Italianate structures in the Southside Neighborhood.

The north, west, and east facades are less complicated as they are not the major sides of the house.

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known[X] 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[X] e. commercial[]
f. industrial[] g. residential[X]
h. other:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1875

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This duplex is an example of multi-family housing which was constructed as an income-generating property for a non-resident owner. Since its construction, it has been frequently occupied by employees of local industry such as the Corning Glass Works and the New York Central Railroad, as well as by retirees. The maintenance of affordable multi-family housing such as this has consistently allowed for a broad range in types of people to reside in the area, and consequently contributes to the stability of the Southside Neighborhood.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930; Corning Fire Department Maps, 1852, 1893.



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