

# 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: 70-72 East Second Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Robert Johnson ADDRESS: [Redacted] Present: ~~two~~ Multiple <sup>units</sup> apartmentse
- 6. USE: Original: ~~Single~~ family residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [X] No [ ]  
Interior accessible: Yes [ ] No [X] Explain: private residences

### DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard [ ] b. stone [ ] c. brick [ ] d. board & batten [ ]  
e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [ ] g. stucco [ ] other: vinyl 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 [ ] b. good [ ] c. fair [X] 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:

again, this doesn't look like vinyl - are you sure?

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:

date ?

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

*intent* See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

*intent* See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This two-family residence was constructed ca. 1905-07. The only <sup>alteration</sup> addition has been <sup>an addition creating</sup> that of a second-story level to the rear section of the building. A pair of wraparound front porches on either end of the front facade were removed and replaced with concrete stoops in 1967. *And siding?*

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The building has a fairly shallow front yard ~~with little landscaping~~. Two sets of concrete steps lead from the entrance areas down to the sidewalk level, and two more sets of steps lead from the sidewalk to street level. *And what about its relationship with other buildings?*

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

*You say multiple apts. on p. 1*  
This two-family residential structure has aspects of the Queen Anne Style in its complicated roof planes and <sup>projecting</sup> ~~three-part~~ windows bays. The twin wraparound porches which have been replaced with modern stoops would have improved the more decorative attributes of the structure. There are canted entrance doors at each stoop with side door entrances just behind them. Where the porches would have ended, the parged foundation is scored to resemble stone. Currently, the half-story flared sections with casement windows on the protruding gable sections provide much of the visual interest for the building. *POORLY CONSTRUCTED SENTENCE*  
*DO YOU MEAN THE THIRD FLOOR? ARE THEY REALLY CASEMENTS?*

The shape of the building is symmetrical with matching hipped cross gables on the front of the structure and on each side. There are also matching ~~three-part~~ windows bays on each side facade. <sup>windows</sup> The three-part clipped bays on the front (north?) facade have one-over-one double-hung cottage sash in the central portion of the bays. The rest of the house Generally has standard-sized one-over-one double-hung sash. There is one shed dormer on the front facade which has four-over-one sash.

*are you sure?*

Corning, New York

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

*Who was she?* → This house was constructed ca. 1904-07 to replace an older residential building already on the site. The owner at that time was Mary Louise Robinson, who was identified in the local city directories simply as the widow of O. Pomeroy Robinson. She purchased the property for \$2000 in 1899 from an elderly couple who had built the earlier house, carpenter Caleb Clark and his wife Henrietta Rundell Clark. The sale was not recorded until Caleb Clark's death in 1903. Mrs. Robinson used the new two-family residential structure that she had built as an income property, as did the subsequent owners. The building was converted to accommodate four apartment units in the 1950s.

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