

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
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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 West Second Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Jeffery Drake ADDRESS: 16 West Second Street, Coming, NY 14830
- 6. USE: Original: 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 [] b. stone [] c. brick [] d. board & batten []
 - e. cobblestone [] f. shingles [] g. stucco [X] 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 [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):
- 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)

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18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:
(Including interior features if known):

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: before 1888

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the south side of West Second Street between Pine and Walnut Streets, this structure has a commanding view of downtown Corning and the hills across the Chemung River. Its neighbors on the street have similar setbacks and are overlooking Courthouse Park.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

Designed in the Italianate Style of architecture, this structure displays many stylistic features including the low-pitched roof, wide overhanging eaves supported by ornamental brackets, projecting bay windows, and a porch supported by square posts. The Italianate Style was popular between 1840-1880.

The low-pitched roof shelters both cubic masses of the asymmetric design. Ornamental brackets with pendants support the eaves and are braced against a simplified frieze. The principal three-bay section (west) has a full-width front porch with square posts and brackets. The main entrance has large double doors appropriate to the Italianate Style, although the recessed framework of the doorway is a feature of the Greek Revival Style. The eastern section is recessed and has a projecting bay window as its principal feature. Another projecting bay window is found on the first story of the west facade. What appears to be an enclosed L-shaped shed addition is visible along the rear of the house at the intersection of the two building sections. The shed addition on the eastern section was added between 1893 and 1898, while the addition on the western section was constructed between 1903 and 1908. The structure has been covered in vinyl siding.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The first visible reference of this property is on the 1857 Map of Steuben County by G. E. Gillette. The footprint of the house is visible as the second structure on West Second Street from Pine Street.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED):

In Boyd's Directory of Steuben County of 1875-75 Augustus T. Mills is documented as the resident. Deed research places Mills at this location as early as 1865 when the property was sold to him by C. C. B. Walker. The property was sold for \$2,900. Mills was physician with an office at Market and Pine streets. In 1893, the Corning City Directory indicated that Sarah Mills, widow of Augustus T. Mills, resides at this address. Sarah Mills continued to live there until about 1923, when the directory lists Mrs. Edith M. Walker as the new resident.

21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Steuben County Deeds; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1866, 1893, 1896, 1903, 1908; Maps of Corning, 1857, 1893; Assessment Records; Boyd's Directory of Steuben County, 1874-75.



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