

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: 12 West Sixth Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Peter Sawchuk ADDRESS: Same as above
6. USE: Original: Private Residence Present: Private 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: 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):  
See Continuation Sheet
12. PHOTO: 13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known[X] 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[2] f. greenhouse[ ]  
g. shop[ ] h. gardens[X]  
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[X]  
d. densely built-up[ ] e. commercial[ ]  
f. industrial[ ] g. residential[X]  
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: 1955

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

A 6' x 5' stone patio at the south-west corner of the south facade was removed in 1988, and was replaced with a wood deck porch. At the center of the south facade, a glazed sliding door was added in 1979. A shed plywood shed, located ten feet from the south facade of the house, and bordering the west boundary of the lot, was constructed in 1979. In 1993, a second plywood shed was built at the south-west corner of the lot.

15i. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

The property includes two sheds, one built at the southwest corner of the lot in 1964, and the other along the west boundary in 1992. There is no garage. There is a four foot wooden fence enclosing the northern half of the property, between the north facade of the house and north boundary of the lot.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Although this house is consistent with other houses on the street in setback and east-west separation, its style lacks any relationship with those of its immediate neighbors, most of which are built in vernacular interpretations of earlier styles. It is, in addition, of a significantly smaller size. This is due to the fact that it is the first construction on Lot #6 to have taken place in 1955, the parcel having been associated up until 1954 with adjacent Lot #6.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The one story house at 12 West Sixth Street is designed in the Ranch Style, as described in Virginia and Lee McAlester's A Field Guide to American Houses. The house exhibits characteristics common to this style, including one story horizontal massing, a low pitched roof, iron porch supports, and large picture windows on the front (north) and rear (south) facades.

The main (north) facade features a dominant porch covering the western half of the north facade, with a shed roof and iron porch supports. A large picture window flanked by multipane sidelights is placed off-center under the porch. The entrance is located between the picture window and the northwest corner of the north facade. There are two one-over-one double-hung cottage-style windows placed between the picture window and the northeast corner of the north facade. There are two one-over-one double-hung windows on the east and west facades. In addition, a concrete chimney is located at the northeast corner of the east facade.

The south facade has a sliding glass door, placed centrally. Between the southeast corner and the sliding door, there is a one-over-one double-hung cottage-style window. An entrance door is

placed near the southwest corner. Between this door and the sliding glass doors there are large paired single pane windows.

There is a wooden deck covering the western three quarters of the south facade. A wooden shed roof, supported on slender wooden posts, shelters the entrance door and paired windows near the southwestern corner.

Two plywood sheds are located on the lot, one at the southwest corner, and the other along the west boundary. The foundation of the house is of poured concrete, and it has an asphalt roof.

## 20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The house is located on the northern half of Lot #6 in Block 71, as laid out in the Brewer and Canfield map of Corning of 1855. The house is fairly recent, having been built on land acquired by Clark V. and Florence A. DeMunn in 1955. The land had been vacant until their purchase of the property, having been purchased in 1954 from Leona M. Jacobson, who owned the neighboring house and lot at 22 West Sixth Street.

21. SOURCES:

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City of Corning Building Permits, City Engineer's Office, Corning, New York.

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*Map of Corning*. 1855. Buffalo: H. Brewer and C.A. Canfield.

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Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, New York.

Steuben County Tax Records, Steuben County Records Center, Bath, New York. (1880-1910)

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS: (To be attached later)