

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: 21 West Sixth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Diane Davis Nettle 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:

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:

d. developers[] e. deterioration[]
f. other:

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: a. barn[] b. carriage house[]
c. garage[X]
d. privy[] e. shed[] f. greenhouse[]
g. shop[] h. gardens[]
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: c.1935
ARCHITECT:

BUILDER: Roger Hills

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This house has undergone extensive alterations. A 7'x4' patio on the east facade was removed in 1986. In the same year, the north facade of the house was extended by eleven feet to accommodate a family room. The foundation of this family room is of cinderblock. A second story was added to the house the same year. Along the north facade, a wooden deck was built in 1987. The asbestos roof was replaced in 1993 with asphalt roofing.

15i. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

The house has a garage located at its northwest corner. A three foot picket fence, added in 1985, encloses the property between the north facade of the house and the north boundary of the lot.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is consistent with its neighbors in size, east-west separation, and setback.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This gabled structure is a good example of the Colonial Revival Style. It consists of a rectangular block with a side-gable roof, the ridge of its roof being parallel to the street. Many of its features are described in the McAlesters' book, A Field Guide to American Houses. These include an accentuated front door, sometimes placed within a projecting vestibule, windows with double-hung sash, usually with multi-pane glazing in one or both sash, and a simple structural massing. This example mostly conforms to the style, with minor variations.

The main entrance to this structure is on the front (south) facade, at the southeast corner, contained within a projecting vestibule beneath a gable roof. Adjacent to the vestibule are three windows, composed of a four-over-one double-hung sash flanked by two-over-one double-hung sash. On the second story, there are three four-over-one double-hung windows. There is a one-story enclosed porch with hipped roof on the east facade, glazed by a series of one-over-one double-hung sash. On the west facade, the arrangement of windows is asymmetrical and all windows have four-over-one glazing. Centered within the east and west gable ends, directly beneath the apex of the roof, there are one-over-one double-hung sash. On the north facade there is a two-story projecting wall with a shed roof. There is a porch with an entrance in the reentrant angle of the northwest corner. All windows in the reentrant angle are one-over-one double-hung sash. A one-story family room featuring double-hung sash projects from the north wing. At the second story level of the north projecting wall, there is a series of fixed sash which wrap around the northeast corner.

The house has an asphalt roof, and is clad with shingles. There is an interior ridge chimney made of brick placed centrally along the roof. A garage with cinderblock walls and clapboard siding within its gable end lies to the immediate northwest of the house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is located on the south half of Lot #14 in Block 70, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house's significance lies in its adherence to house plans developed

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE (continued):

by the Corning Building Company in the early 1930s, resembling other similar structures such as the house at 22 West Fifth Street, the product of a similar house plan. The house lies on a parcel of land initially belonging to Mrs. Marianna B. Kennedy of Washington, D.C., in 1889. Mrs. Kennedy, who owned the adjacent Lot #13, sold both lots by warranty deed to George and Helen Schwartzenbach, laborer and seamstress, in 1909. The parcel was resold the same year to Katherine Cole, a resident of Corning, and remained in her possession until 1931, when the property was acquired by Matthew R. and Dagmar Manikowski. The house was built, subsequent to the Manikowskis' purchase, sometime between 1932 and 1937, from house plans developed by the Corning Building Company. The Manikowskis occupied the house until 1981, when the property was sold to Diane Davis Nessel, the current owner and occupant.

21. SOURCES:

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

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS: (To be attached later)



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