

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): The Francis C. Hillman House
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE: ---
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 3 West Sixth Street (formerly 267 Pine Street)
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Donna A. Chiaramonte ADDRESS: 3 West Sixth Street
- 6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: single-family 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:

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[] 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[]
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: ca. 1930

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

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22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

The exterior alterations to the building include the addition of wood shingles and, at the south side of the house, a Colonial Revival-style gabled entry portico. These additions were probably concurrent, because the portico is covered with the same shingles as the rest of the house. These alterations may have occurred at the time the address was changed from 267 Pine Street to 3 West Sixth Street. According to records, these alterations occurred sometime between 1948 and 1972.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated at the northwest corner of West Sixth and Pine streets, this house was built more recently than the other houses in the area. The nearby homes are primarily Italianate- and Queen Anne-style homes. For the most part, the homes on Pine Street have a uniform setback from the street, but their north-to-south spacing is inconsistent. The current front entry is on West Sixth Street, but the original entry was to Pine Street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This one-and-a-half-story Bungalow-style residence is typical of a mail order or pattern book houses of this period. It has a rectangular plan and its side-gabled roof flares slightly on the gable ends, where it protrudes to cover the full-width front porch. The roof is supported by tapered piers and square posts. The roof plane is interrupted both at the front and the back with a shed-roofed dormer, which extends almost the full width of the house. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The wood framed windows of this residence are primarily eight-over-eight sash with four-over-four sash in the dormer windows. The exterior walls are covered with wood shingles. There is an exterior chimney on the south side of the house. It is detailed in the Craftsman-style fashion, and flares slightly at the base.

The house is set on a full basement and the grade drops from south to north. The foundation has been parged, but judging from the date of the building, the original foundation is probably cast stone or concrete block. Because of the slope of the site, there is a walk-out basement on the north side of the house. In the basement of this north facade, are two swinging garage doors near the east side of the wall. These serve as access to an attached garage for the owner.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed in the southeast corner of block 70, occupying the southern half of lots 15 and 16, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. Prior to its purchase on April 21, 1929, for \$1000 by Francis C. and Carrie A. Hillman, this property was owned by Alanson B. Houghton. Mr. Houghton lived, at the time of the construction of this house at 4 East Fifth Street, diagonally across the street to the north. Francis C. Hillman was Mr. Houghton's chauffeur, which explains the presence of a garage in the basement of this house.

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Sanborn Map Company. Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, New York, (1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, and 1930).

Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, NY.

Steuben County Tax Rolls 1850-1909, County Records Office at Steuben County Infirmary, Bath, NY.

Steuben County Tax Rolls 1910-present, County Treasurer's Office, Bath, NY.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:

Garage (North) Facade

South Facade

to Egbert Shoemaker, a local lawyer, for \$4,600 in 1903. The Shoemakers presumably used this home as a rental unit until 1906. At that point, they sold the south 70 feet of Lot # 16 and this house to Frederick A. Thierfeldt, the bookkeeper at Corning Brick and Terra Cotta Works. This home remained in the Thierfeldt family's possession until 1953. To this day it is still known locally as "The Thierfeldt House."

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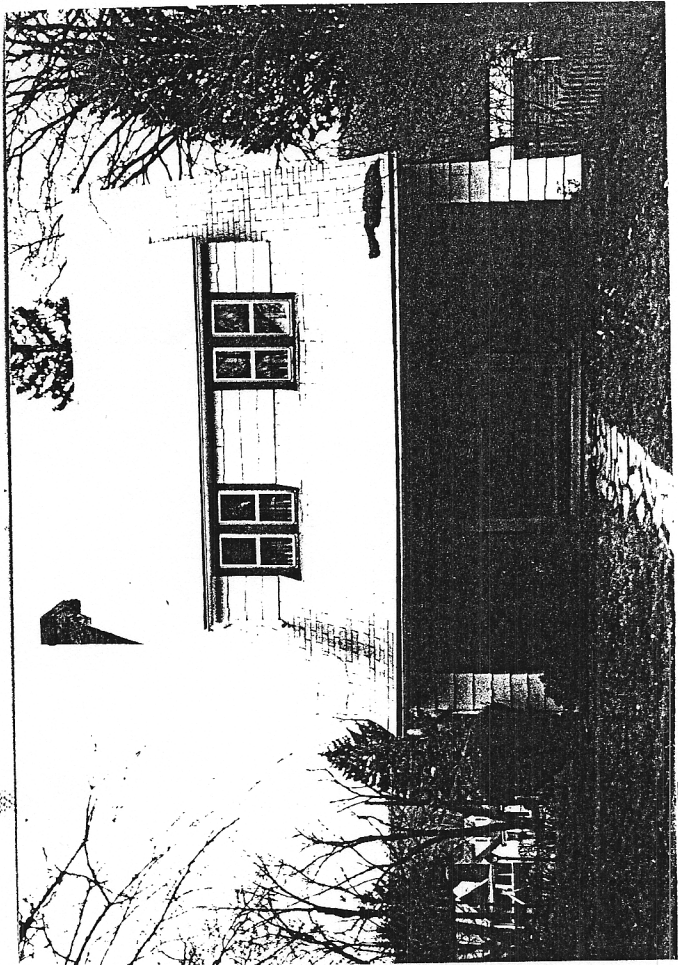
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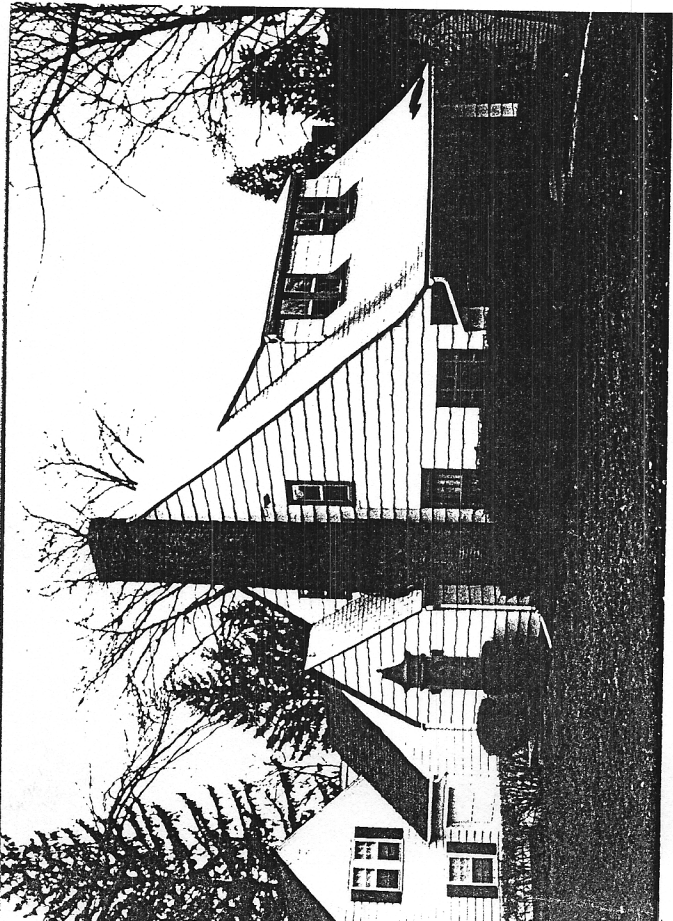
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



3 West 6th (east)



3 West 6th (SE)



3 West
6th
(north)