

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: 58 West Sixth Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: ADDRESS: Same as above
Present:
- 6. USE: Original:
- 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:
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints[X]
b. wood frame with light members []
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[X] 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. 1883 ,

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

In the early 1940s, a porch, extending from one quarter of the east facade to half of the north (main) facade, was removed. At the same time, a vestibule was built into the reentrant angle of the north facade. In the early 1950s, the roof of the vestibule was extended to incorporate porch supports. A one-story porch with three Doric columns, positioned centrally, was removed sometime between 1949 and 1951. A door, under the porch, was also removed, and in its place a one-over-one double-hung sash was added. On the south facade, a second-story porch supported by beams was added sometime between 1908 and 1913. Later, in the 1960s, a one-story shed roof covering the entire facade was constructed, partly to support the weight of the second-story porch. In the early 1960s, a door at the southwest corner of the south facade was moved to the southeast corner. In the southwest reentrant angle, all first-story windows were replaced with one-over-one double-hung sash in 1941.

15i. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

A small shed with a gambrel roof, built as a miniature replica of a barn, was placed at the immediate southwest corner of the house, bordering the west boundary of the lot.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

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

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This two-and-a-half story house combines elements of a modified Gable-Front-and-Wing Cottage, as suggested in the McAlesters' A Field Guide to American Houses.

All the windows on the north facade are one-over-one double-hung sash. The front (north) facade is dominated by a projecting gable wall with two double-hung sash on the first story, three double-hung sash on the second story, and one double-hung sash centered in the gable end. The entrance door is on a vestibule, set into the reentrant angle and adjoining the projecting gable, whose shed roof is supported by Doric columns. There are double-hung sash on both stories between the vestibule and the northeast corner. The east and west facades each have two sets of one-over-one double-hung windows, one on each story.

The south facade has a projecting gable wall with a one-story full-width shed roof, and a second-story porch with an enclosed railing, which covers the eastern half of the gable wall, and which is accessed via a step-ladder. An entrance, located near the southeast corner, lies beneath the shed roof. On the second story, there is an entrance near the southeast corner, directly above the first floor entrance, and beneath the porch with a shed roof. The rest of the south facade, consisting of

a recessed gable wall covering the western half of the facade, has a double-hung sash centered in the gable end, and three similar sash set in the reentrant angle formed by the two gable walls.

The house is sided with clapboard, and has a coursed stone foundation hidden from view by the clapboard cladding. The roofing material is asphalt. The shed, located at the southwest corner of the house, is constructed of metal, and has asphalt siding.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The house is constructed on Lot #7 of Block 72, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning.

The house at 58 West Sixth Street stands on property belonging to John McCann, Sr., and his wife, Mary, in 1880. Tax rolls record a house on the lot as early as 1884, when the McCanns owned two houses on Lots #7 and 8, totalling a property value of \$800. Although no exact date for the date is available, tax rolls suggest that, owing to a sharp increase in property value between 1882 and 1884 (to a total of \$1,050), the house must have been built circa 1883. The house was deeded to the McCann's son, John, Jr., on his marriage, and it remained in the family until 1935, when the parcel was sold to the Hon. Daniel Stimson, mayor of the City of Corning. The mayor sold the house only two years later to a resident, Bert Lake, for a sum of \$2000. The property was passed on to Lake's son and daughter-in-law, Earl W. and Dorothy Lake, who held the property until 1949. It was then purchased by James A. and Christina A. Dean, but was transferred by his widow to her daughter and son-in-law, Jane M. and Hughes Kathleen A. Bowdy, in 1966. Christine Dean, the sole occupant of the house, currently has life use of the property.

21. SOURCES:

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

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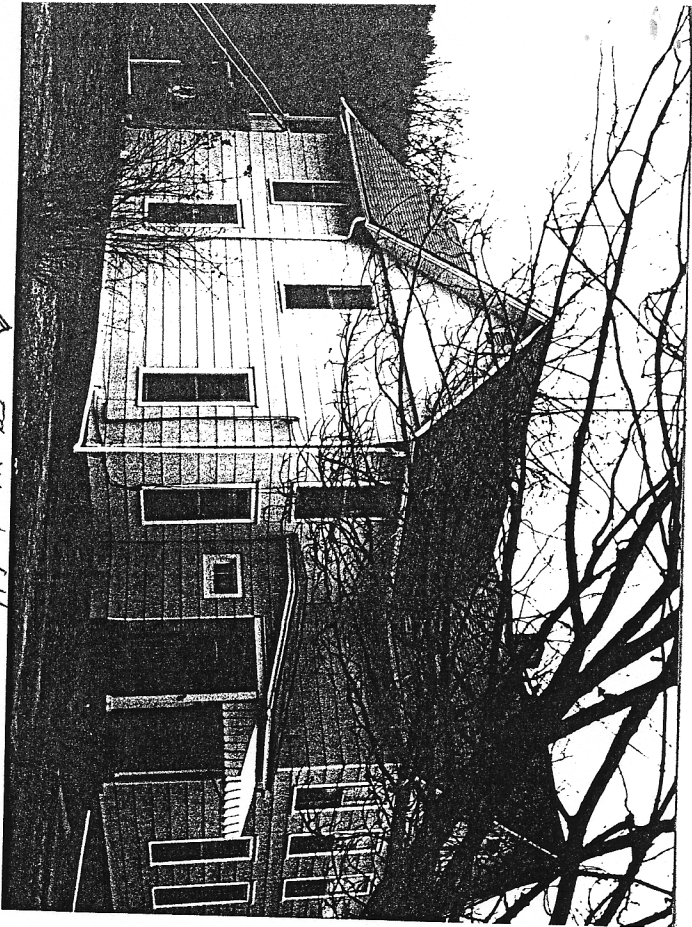
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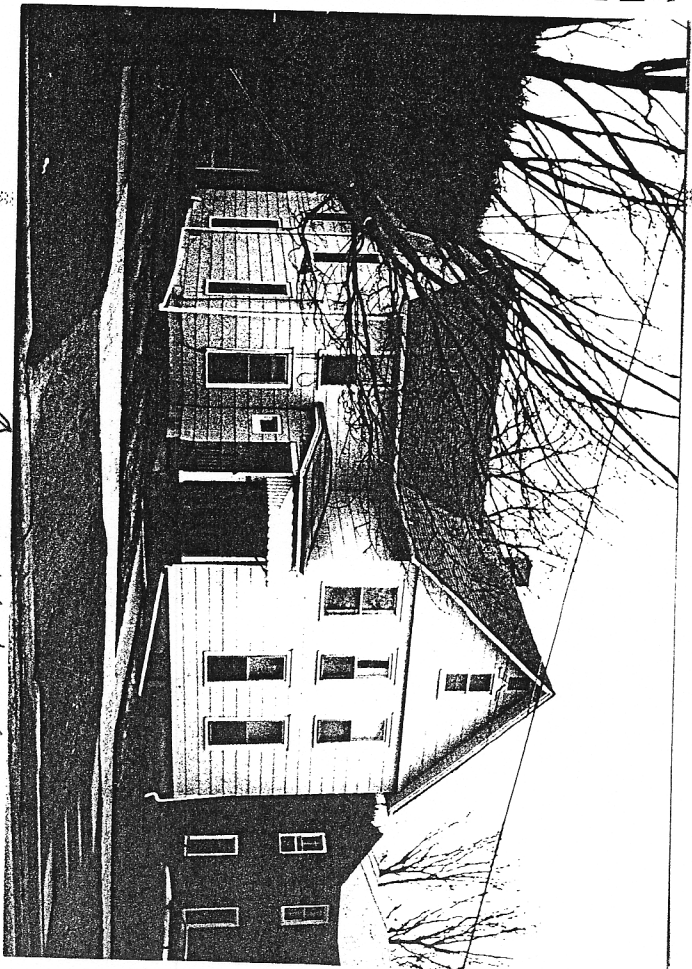
Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, New York.

Steuben County Tax Records, Steuben County Records Center, Bath, New York. (1860-1909)

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS: (To be attached later)



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