

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.  
QUAD  
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NEG. NO.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S):
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 66 West Sixth Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Donald J. and Joanne Cunningham 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:
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[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: 1888-89,

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

The structure in its original form had a one-story pedimented portico on the north (main) facade. This was replaced in 1973 by a concrete porch with a flat roof. The two-over-one double-hung sashes on the first story of the projecting bay on the east facade were replaced with one-over-one double-hung sashes in 1993. A porch on the south facade was removed between 1974 and 1975. At the same time, a door at the south-west corner of the south facade was moved to the center of the facade; an awning window was then inserted where the door had earlier been. On the west facade, a window was added to the first story of the projecting bay in 1973, and in the same year the original coursed rough-cut stone foundation was covered with a cinder block foundation. An asphalt roof replaced the earlier slate roof in 1992.

15i. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

A metal shed, located in the *south-east ell* (CORRECT TERM?) of the house, was built in 1987.

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:

The house at 66 West Sixth Street is an example of a modified Cross-Gabled Cottage, as described in Gottfried and Jennings' American Vernacular Design, 1870-1940.

The main (north) facade of the house is dominated by a projecting gable wall with a one story full-width porch. The gable wall covers the western half of the facade. The porch has a flat roof, and is supported by slender square posts. The entrance is located near the northwest corner, and is beneath the porch. Between the entrance and the northeast corner there are two two-over-two double-hung sash. The second story level has three similar sash.

All the windows on the east facade are two-over-two double-hung sash, with the exception of a window in the northwest reentrant angle. There are two sets of sash in the northwest reentrant angle, one on each story. The southwest reentrant angle has two sash on the first story level, and only one sash on the second story level.

The west facade has a projecting gable wall at the center. There are one-over-one double-hung sash on both stories of the projecting gable, and the remaining portions of the facade feature small fixed single pane windows of varying sizes.

The south facade has an entrance placed centrally on the first story level, flanked by a two-over-two double-hug sash near the southeast corner and a large fixed sash near the south-west corner. On the second story level, there is a double-hung sash near the southeast corner, and a small single pane fixed sash near the southwest corner.

The house has an interior ridge chimney made of brick and parged with cementitious material. The structure is clad with clapboard siding, and has a coursed stone foundation parged with poured concrete.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is located in Lot #6 in Block 72, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The property initially belonged to Marianna B. Kennedy in 1888. It was sold, with the understanding that the premises would be developed, by Jacob Underiner, according to Kennedy's will of 1890. The depiction of a house plan on the "Underiner" lot on Harry C. Heerman's map of 1893 confirms that the house was built prior to then. Tax records, moreover, indicate that a considerable inflation in real estate value took place in 1888. The house changed hands within the family three times, and was acquired in 1934 by Christina Underiner, who undertook renovations in the interior. In 1944, she transferred the property to Joseph J. Underiner, who occupied the premises up until 1961, when the current owners took possession.

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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