

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM
DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

UNIQUE SITE NO.
QUAD
SERIES
NEG. NO.

YOUR NAME: Azhar S. Tyabji
YOUR ADDRESS: 106 W. Sibley Hall, Ithaca, NY
ORGANIZATION (if any): Cornell University

DATE: Spring, 1994
TELEPHONE: (607)255-4331

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S):
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 72 West Sixth Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: John S. and Marie L. Law 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[X]
b. wood frame with light members []
c. masonry load bearing walls []
d. metal (explain)
e. other
10. CONDITION: a. excellent [] b. good[X] 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 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:
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
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. 1887
ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

The windows on the west facade were replaced with similar sash sometime in the early 1930s. Sometime between 1948 and 1968, on the same facade, an attic ventilator replaced a small window centered in the gable end. Paired fixed sash probably replaced a similar window within the same period. A large cottage window replaced two one-over-one double-hung sash in the late 1970s. The entrance door in the ell was replaced with a similar door in 1978.

15i. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is placed unusually close to the neighboring house on the lot, i.e. 70 West Sixth Street. It is consistent with its neighbors in size and setback. It is possibly one of the oldest existing houses on the block.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The house at 72 West Sixth Street is a vernacular Open-Gable-and-Ell Cottage with cross gables. Built in the shape of a rectangular "block," it is simple in massing, with a roof ridge perpendicular to the street.

The north (main) facade is dominated by a projecting gabled wall. There is a one-story full-width porch with a flat roof on the gabled wall. The porch is supported by turned posts with ornamented brackets and an enclosed railing, and it protects a large cottage window centered in the gabled wall. On the second-story level, there is a one-over-one double-hung window. The pediment contains "fish-scale" siding, and has paired fixed sash centered in the gable end. The entrance is located under the same porch, and in the reentrant angle formed by the projecting gabled wall. There is a small pediment centered in front of the entrance door. The entrance has a simple wooden surround. There is an oval window between the porch and the northeast corner of the facade. A one-over-one double-hung sash is located on the second story level in the reentrant angle formed by the ell.

The east facade has no windows; the west facade is characterized by three one-over-one double-hung windows on the first-story level, with a single sash placed off-center on the second-story level. There is a small attic ventilator centered in the gable end on this facade.

The south facade consists of a projecting gabled wall, from which extends a one-story enclosed porch with a hipped roof. The principle features on this facade include a large louvred sash on the second story, and a one-over-one double-hung sash in the reentrant formed by the projecting porch. Awning windows are predominant on the projecting enclosed porch.

The house is clad with clapboard siding, and stands on a coursed stone foundation parged with concrete. The structure is roofed with asphalt shingles.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was constructed on Lot # 5 of Block 72 as laid out in the ¹⁸⁵⁵ Brewer and Canfield map of Corning.

The land was owned by Marianna B. Kennedy from 1879 to 1887. Tax rolls indicate that the house existed on the lot in circa 1887. The house was sold to Leopold and Catherine Rumenapp in 1887, who occupied it until 1908, when it was transferred to their son and daughter-in-law, George and Mary Rumenapp. The house remained in the family until 1937, when it was acquired by Anna E. Hin, a resident of Corning. In 1946, the property was deeded to Thomas J. Watson, Bruce E. Watson, Jr., and Bonnie Jean Wojnowski, her children. Mary Watson, niece of Anna Hin, assumed responsibility for the property, selling it in 1991 to John S. and Marie L. Law, the current owners.

CONTINUATION SHEET, Page 2
72 West Sixth Street
Corning, New York

21. SOURCES:

McAlester, V. and L. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1991.

Gottfried, Herbert and Jan Jennings: *American Vernacular Design, 1870-1940*. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1985.

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

Corning City Directories, Boyd's 1874-75; Hanford 1893-1950.

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

View of Corning, New York, Looking Toward the South. 1882. Philadelphia: Philadelphia Publishing House, C.J. Corbin, Field Manager.

City of Corning. 1893. Corning: Harry C. Heermans, City Engineer.

Sanborn Map Company. *Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, New York*, (1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930, and 1948).

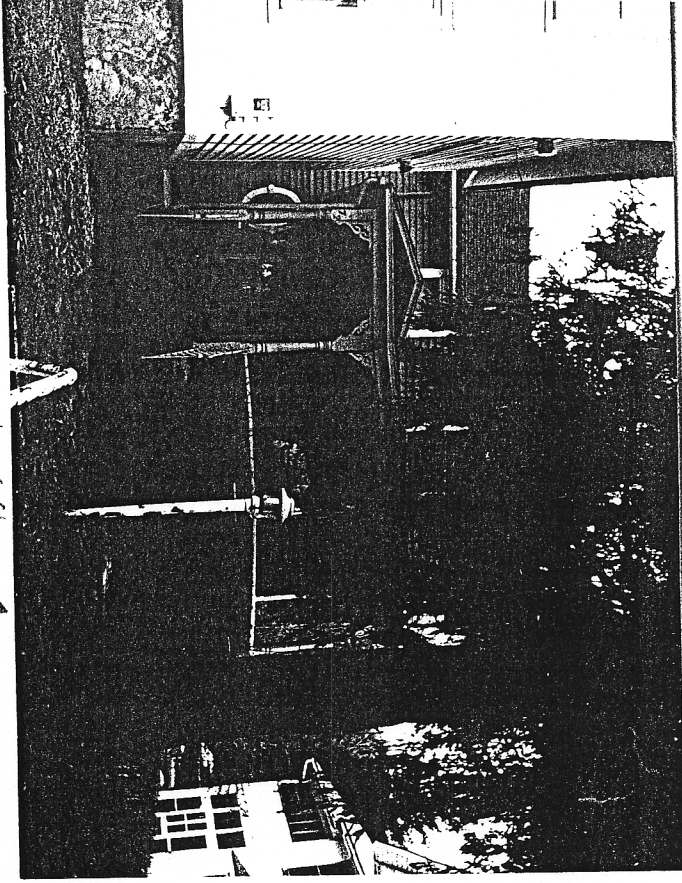
Steuben County Deed Records, Steuben County Clerk's Office, Bath, New York.

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

United States Bureau of the Census. 1910 Census Data for Corning City, New York.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS: (To be attached later)

72 West 6th ↘



↙ 72 West 6th

