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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

UNIQUE SITE NO.

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QUAD  
SERIES  
NEG. NO.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S):
2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
3. STREET LOCATION: 49 Summit Avenue
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Carl and Suzanne Blowers ADDRESS: 49 Summit Avenue
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[X]board & batten[ ]  
e. cobblestone[ ] f. shingles[ ] g. stucco[ ] other: aluminum siding
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[ ] 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[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. 1962  
  
ARCHITECT:  
  
BUILDER:
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
  
See Continuation Sheet
21. SOURCES:  
  
See Continuation Sheet
22. THEME:

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11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

No major alterations have been made to the exterior of this dwelling.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Located in an irregularly shaped lot at the corner of Summit Avenue and Cedar Street and hidden by many trees, this house has a deeper setback on its Cedar Street side than on its Summit Avenue side. Its neighbor to the west, 37 Summit Avenue, is much closer to the street than this house. This structure appears to be a more recent addition to the area, but it maintains a similar scale to that of its neighbors. Summit Avenue slopes gently downhill from east to west in front of the house while Cedar Street slopes uphill from north to south.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The main entrance to this house is found on its eastern facade. The house is located on the center line of two lots. The east, north, and west sides of the lots conform to the city grid while the southern edge of the lots is at a twelve degree angle to the grid pattern. The south facade of the house is oriented with respect to this diagonal, thus the house sits at an angle on its site; this is different from the dwellings in the immediate area. The north facade of this house, which is oriented toward the alley to the north, is three stories tall. The basement on this facade opens onto the side yard since the site slopes downhill from south to north on the east and west facades of the house. There is a two-car garage located underneath the living areas of the house which also opens onto the alley. A recessed porch is located on the southwest corner of the house.

According to A Field Guide to American Houses, by Virginia and Lee McAlester, this house is an example of the Colonial Revival style. The residence has an L-shaped plan with cross gables, one gable on an east/west axis and the other on a north/south axis. The east/west gable is two stories tall and includes the main entrance to the house. The north/south gable is one-story high and features a brick chimney on center within its ridgeline. Like many Colonial Revival-style houses, this building has running bond brick veneered on sections of its first story. On the gable ends of the two-story wing are molded returns.

The foundation of the house is not visible, it is veneered in brick. Except for the brick veneer on the lower floors of the two story wing, the cladding is aluminum siding. The windows are one-over-one double-hung sash that have been made to look like eight over eight double hung lights with "snap-in" muntins. Flanking each window is a set of vinyl shutters. The main entrance is recessed in the southernmost bay of the two-story gable end. It is surrounded by a single molded piece of entablature supported by Doric pilasters. The door is a single leaf flanked by sidelights. The roof material is asphalt shingles.

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20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is located on Lots 15 and 16 of Block 54, as designated in the 1855 map of Corning by Brewer and Canfield. The land was part of the Marvin Olcott estate until March of 1943, when it was purchased by Clarence and Kathryn Kruidenier. The Olcott residence was at 48 East Fifth Street, however this property, directly south and across the alley from the Olcott Residence, was part of the estate grounds. Marvin Olcott was the vice-president of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Corning. The Kruideniers owned the land while residing at 37 Summit Avenue, the house directly to the west of these lots. Mr. Kruidenier was the assistant treasurer of Corning Glass Works and the secretary-treasurer for the Corning Fibre Box Corporation around 1947. The next owners of the land, Justin and Alice Purcell, purchased the property

and in turn sold it to Mr. Purcell's brother, Thomas, and his wife Eileen. Thomas and Eileen Purcell were the original occupants of the dwelling at 49 Summit Avenue.

The Purcell family had been living and working in the Corning area for quite some time. Tobias and Anna Purcell, the grandparents of Thomas and Justin, had originally built a house at 95 West Fourth Street in the mid- to late- 1800s. Tobias Purcell was an engineer for Corning Glass Works. Justin lived at the West Fourth Street house as late as 1922, and worked as a lawyer with offices in the First National Bank Building. He was also secretary of Steuben Coal and Supply Co., secretary of the Corning Hotel Corp., and president of the Purcell Motor Company. The Purcell Motor Company was a automobile business located at 201-211 East Market Street. The vice-president of the company was Francis Purcell and the secretary-treasurer was Joseph Purcell.

21. SOURCES:

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