

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: Coming VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 81 East Third Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Kenneth Thomas ADDRESS: 81 East Third St.
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 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 [x] g. stucco [] other: vinyl 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 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 BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

See Continuation Sheet

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:
(Including interior features if known):

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SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: ca. 1885

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:

This ca. 1885 house appears on the 1886 Sarburn Fire Insurance map as a two-story block with a one-story addition at the rear. The building was extensively renovated ca. 1905 by the addition of a second story at the rear, and the restructuring of the roof into a single long gable with east and west cross-gables. A two-story porch was added at the rear of the eastern facade along with a full-width front porch with a eastern wraparound section and side bay entrance. The porch along the front facade was removed after 1946.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This house was built entirely on the western half of the lot, very close to its neighbor at 79 East Third Street. There is a shallow setback, with a built-up walkway along the eastern side of the house to provide access to the rear entrances. The lot slopes south to north away from East Third Street, exposing part of the basement story at the rear of the house.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

If the height of the windows on the front facade is any indication, the original two-story house shown on early maps of the area may have been an Italianate Style structure. The current incarnation of this house owes much of its interest to the late Queen Anne Style features added to the house ca. 1905. The remaining part of the ca. 1905 wraparound porch has classically inspired Queen Anne Style porch supports, while the rear porch has turned spindle supports. The gable end and cross-gable ends are flared and have hexagonal wood shingles. The house has been clad in vinyl siding with the exception of the clapboard on the enclosed side porch balustrade.

The concrete stoop on the front entrance with a braced gable roof is a twentieth century adaptation. Most of the windows on the house are one-over-one double-hung sash with the exception of a wood casement

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16. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES (continued):

window over the front entrance and metal casement windows on the rear facade. The bay on the eastern facade has a second floor sleeping porch under the protruding cross-gable. The two-story rear porch on the same facade is screened at the second-story level.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house was sold by William and Helen C. Walker to Eigin Conklin in 1892. Conklin was listed in the city directories as a miller, and lived in the house until 1933 with a succession of tenants. Sarah McIntosh purchased the property in 1935 while acting as the executrix of Conklin's will. Mrs. McIntosh was a 1925 resident of the house who was listed in the city directory as the widow of Charles McIntosh. She owned the house until her death in 1962.

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21. SOURCES (continued):

