

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: *Marisa Lopez*  
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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: *Steuben* TOWN/CITY: *Coming* VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: *137 Wall Street*
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: *Richard Kurchey* ADDRESS: *214 Gray Lane, Erwin, NY*
- 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 [ ] b. stone [ ] c. brick [ ] d. board & batten [ ]
  - e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [ ] g. stucco [ ] other: *Asbestos siding*
- 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 [ ] c. fair [X] d. deteriorated [ ]
- 11. INTEGRITY:
  - a. original site [X] b. moved [ ] if so, when?
  - c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
- 12. PHOTO:
- 13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

a. none known  b. zoning  c. roads   
d. developers  e. deterioration   
f. other:

15. RELATED OUT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

a. bam  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:

(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: earlier than 1860, check 1857 Sanborn map (?)

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

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21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

- c.1. Asbestos siding covering the original siding; date unknown.
- c.2. One-story addition to the rear of the building (west facade) removed before 1921.
- c.3. Between 1913 and 1921 a garage was built on the northwest corner of the site.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the west side of Wall Street this house stands as one of the earliest pieces of architecture on the block. It is one of the few examples which features Greek Revival-style elements of architecture. Houses on this block have similar setbacks and north to south spacing.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

A box-like Greek Revival-style structure, this house has been substantially altered since its construction. Notable early features of the building include the pedimented gable end and the nine-over-six double-hung sash on the first story level. Numerous windows and other detailing have been removed and/or obscured by asbestos siding. Early six-over-six double-hung windows remain at the second story level. A one-story enclosed porch with shed roof is attached to the north facade; entrance to the house is gained through a door on the east side of that addition. To the west, at the rear of the site, is an enclosed porch and exterior stairway. The foundation, probably of stone, is hidden behind the asbestos siding. The roof material is composite shingle.

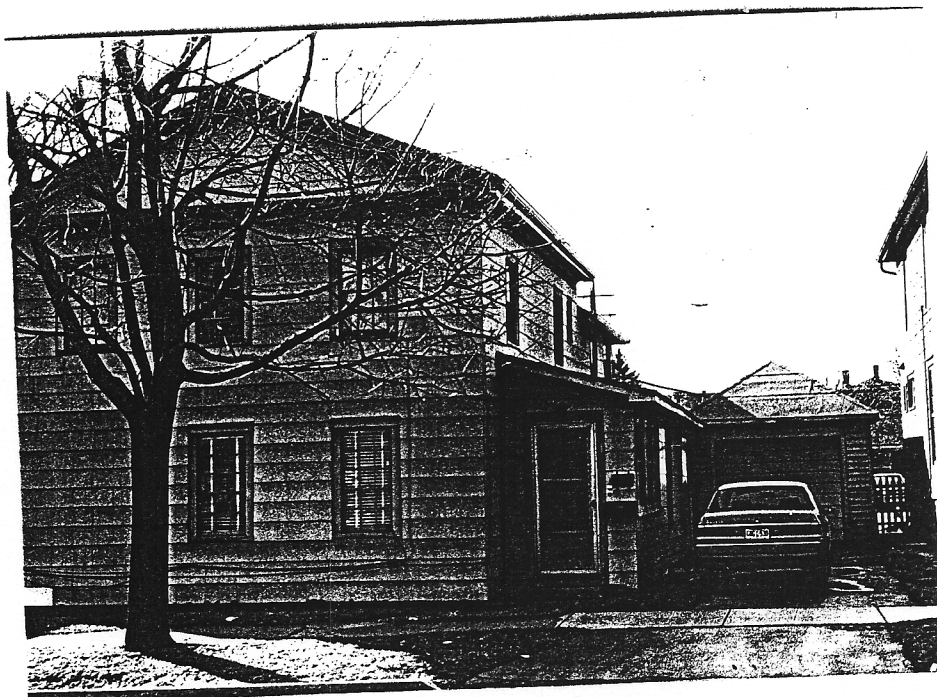
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Originally a part of Lot #8 on Block #48, probably the first owner of the property was R. P. Perry, who bought the south part of the parcel at an unknown date prior to 1893. In 1903 the house was occupied by William G. Carrol. From the early 1900s until 1927 the house was occupied by Chauncey F. Kimball and Ella Kimball (later widow of Chauncey Kimball). During the '30s and '40s the house had various occupants, probably tenants. James J. Ripley and Margaret L. Ripley owned the building since an unknown date and until 1948. Joseph H. Kneale and Mae L. Kneale owned and probably occupied the house from 1948 to 1970. Joseph H. Kneale and Ruth S. Kneale were the next owners from 1970 to 1971. Recent owners were Kern Walter and Thelma Walter (from 1971 to 1979) and Richard J. Kurchey, who is the present owner. Currently the house is occupied by renters.

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21. SOURCES:

Corning City Directories; Tax Assessment Files City Hall of Corning; Bath County Deeds; Historical Society of Corning; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Corning, 1888, 1893, 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1930; Maps of Corning 1857 and 1893.



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