

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: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 264 Wall Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [] b. private [x]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: J. Thomas Rossettie ADDRESS: 264 Wall Street, Corning, NY
- 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 [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 [] explain:
- 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: 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
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. 1890

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

264 Wall Street
Corning, New York

11c. INTEGRITY: Major alterations and dates.

This house has been extensively altered. Between 1908 and 1913, the front (north facade, facing west) entry vestibule was incorporated into the existing front (north side, facing west) porch. Also, between 1913 and 1921 the two story outbuilding known as 264½ Wall Street, to the south of the main house, was demolished. By 1930 all but the northwest corner of the front (north side, facing west) was enclosed. After 1948 the porch at the northwest corner of the house had been removed. Between 1948 and 1983 the bay window on the south facade was removed and a two-story frame addition was made, extending to the south. Also, a two-story addition was attached to the rear (east) facade at center. In 1984, a bedroom addition was made on the second floor of the north facade. This involved the raising of the roof and extending it six feet. In 1988, a sunroom was attached to the east. Also in 1988, a treated pine deck was constructed on the east facade. Finally, the house has recently been clad in vinyl siding and all windows were replaced with vinyl replacement windows. The roof appears to have been replaced recently as well.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

Located on the east side of Wall Street, facing west, this residence is one in a group of late nineteenth and early twentieth century homes which are similar in scale. The setback is similar to that of its neighbors to the north and south. Unlike the other homes further south on the east side of Wall Street, the main entrance to 264 Wall Street is on its south facade, facing south.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This late nineteenth century home has been so extensively altered that it is difficult to ascertain its original style from its current appearance. The 1908 Sanborn Map, if accurate, records the appearance of 264 Wall Street as typical for a gabled-ell Queen Anne-style house: a cross-gabled roof, one gable end facing north, the other east and a porch on the inside corner of the ell. The fact that additions and remodeling have occurred on all facades makes identification difficult.

The current configuration of 264 Wall Street does have some notable features. The gable facing west is asymmetrical, the north side extending down to the first story. There is a substantial brick masonry chimney containing two flues that is centered on this west-facing gable. A two-story gabled wing extends to the south from the south facade. Its gable face (south) is also asymmetrical, with the longer side extending to the first story on the east. The primary entrance is present near the southeastern corner of this wing. On the north side is another two-story gabled wing, with a symmetrical gable. A secondary entrance is located in the eastern portion of this wing, facing north. This northern wing is also set back to the east further than is the southern wing. On the rear (east) facade is another two-story gabled wing, perhaps approximating the original appearance of the gable on the west facade. Attached to the northern half of the first story of this wing is a one-story sunroom with an exterior wood deck. The sunroom has a screen porch area to its east, a set of sliding glass doors on its south facade and a large semi-circular window also on the south facade.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE: (Continued)

The foundation of the original house appears to be limestone. The foundations of the additions are concrete.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The house at 264 Wall Street was built for Thaddeus Hunt, a prosperous carpenter from Corning. Hunt had purchased the land from Thomas A. Johnson in the 1880's. The house, constructed ca. 1890, eventually came to be occupied by Helen A. and Alice B. Hunt, relatives of the builder, who owned a significant amount of land in the immediate area. Helen and Alice Hunt sold the property to James and Irene Peden, who subdivided the property in 1926 by selling the house and property immediately around it to Charles L. and Mary B Cook in 1926.

Since then, there have been four other owners, including the J. Thomas Rossettie, the current owner, who purchased the house in 1983. Mr. Rossettie owns Rossettie Pharmacy in Corning.

21. SOURCES:

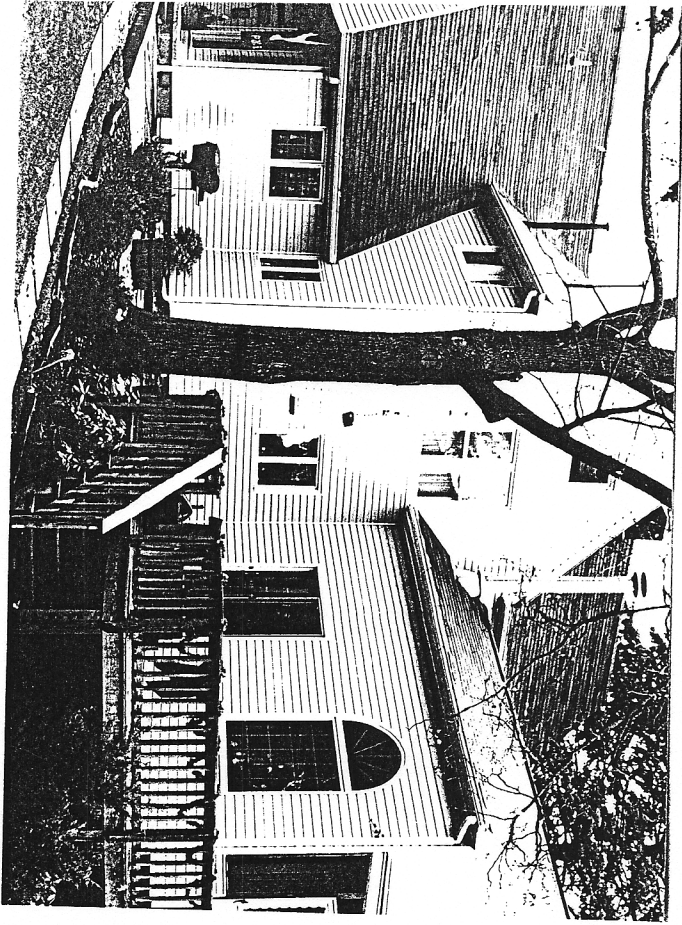
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