

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_  
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: 163 Walnut St.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [ X ]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: David L. & Lois Jacoby ADDRESS: 330 Watauga Ave., Corning, NY 14830
- 6. USE: Original: Present: Apartment
- 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 [ X ] g. stucco [ ] other:
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints [ ]  
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 [ ] b. moved [ ] if so, when?  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
- 12. PHOTO:
- 13. MAP:

14. THREATS TO BUILDING:

- a.  own [ ]
- b. zoning [ ]
- c. roads [ ]
- d. developers [ ]
- e. deterioration [ ]
- f. other:

15. RELATED OUT BUILDINGS 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 [ X ]
- h. other: Public park

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):

See Continuation Sheet

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1850-1870

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This building sits on the west side of Walnut Street, between West First Street and West Second Street. The shallow setback compliments the spacing of its neighbors, and the regular spacing between houses is typical of this block. Because this is one of three houses on a single lot, maximizing the orientation to the park, there is very little property to the rear.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The house represents the "gable front and wing" variation of the Greek Revival Style. This style flourished in New York during the period between 1830 to 1870, with particular emphasis on the gable front and wing variation. The Greek Revival style arose from American interest in Grecian influences on classical development and the desire to move away from British influences.

The house is two stories in height, with an L-shaped plan with a gable-end front. The low-pitched roof is covered with composite shingles. The gable front is three bays wide, with a symmetrical fenestration pattern consisting of three two-over-two double-hung sash windows on the second story and two of the same on the first story, with the entry door in the southern bay. There is a pedimented entry-only porch, supported by simplified classical piers. The reentrant angle to the wing is one bay deep. The wing is two bays wide, and has a one-story porch. There is an entry door and an original window on the first story of the wing. The space above the porch has been closed off to create another room. The foundation appears to be of random-coursed uncut stone.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The style of the house dates it to the period between 1845-1870. Unfortunately, deed research and historic maps could not yield a more accurate date. However, in 1910 John and Mary Cogan sold the house to Mr. Fred Githler. John Cogan also owned the houses on the corner of Walnut Street and Second Street (173 Walnut and 59 West Second) from the 1870s. Though Cogan was known to live at 173 Walnut Street, it is likely that he rented the other homes on his properties. It is interesting to note that the next house on the block, at the corner of West First Street and Walnut, is a high-style Greek Revival house that was the residence of a prominent banker during the 1860s. It is

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE cont'd:

possible that Cogan, a builder by trade, built the house to compliment the style of the neighborhood.

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