

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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- 1. BUILDING NAME(S):
- 2. COUNTY: Steuben TOWN/CITY: Corning VILLAGE:
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 257 Walnut Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Ivano & Sonya Ann Pierotti ADDRESS: 257 Walnut Street
- 6. USE: Original: single-family residence Present: single-family residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road Yes No
Interior accessible: Yes No Explain: Private Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard 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
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal
e. other (explain)
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site 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[X]
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:
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. 1865
ARCHITECT:
BUILDER:
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
See Continuation Sheet
21. SOURCES:
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22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

A room in the back (west) of the house was enlarged by 6' x 10' in 1979. A brick chimney was added to the south facade in 1978. A 11' x 22'-6" covered patio was added to the rear (west) of the house in 1974. A shed dormer was added to the south wing; the date is unknown. A two-story barn bordering the alley on the south of the property was converted to a single-story garage in 1975.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDINGS AND SURROUNDINGS:

Situated on the west side of Walnut Street, this residence is one of a row of nineteenth- and twentieth-century homes. The styles, spacing, setback, and sizes of the houses are inconsistent. This house is older than the surrounding houses and the only National Style folk house on the block.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This house is a National Style folk house. It belongs to the gable-front-and-wing family of houses, featuring a two-story front (east) facing gable on the north wing of the house, and a single-story wing on the south side. The house is stepped in shape; the roof-ridge of the gable-front portion is higher than the adjacent wing. A porch with a shed roof is located in the corner formed by the two wings, a feature common to the style. The porch is supported by four round columns. The south wing has a small shed dormer in the rear (west). An enclosed porch is located at the rear of the house. An end-wall brick chimney is situated on the south wall.

A garage next to the alley on the southern border of the property was formerly a two-story barn. It was also used as an ice house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on the southern half of Lot #8 of Block 73, as laid out in the 1855 Brewer and Canfield map of Corning. The house was built ca. 1860, apparently for Francis Holzman, a laborer. The house was sold in 1891 for \$700 to the Huffman family. Harry Huffman was an brakeman for the New York Central Railroad.

21. SOURCES:

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