

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: 294 Walnut Street
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Kathryn D. Anastasio ADDRESS: Same as above
6. USE: Original: Private Residence Present: Private 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: vinyl 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[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[X] 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[X]  
c. scattered buildings[X]  
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: c. 1892

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

There have been no major alterations to the house. A small paneled door was added at the southeast corner of the south facade, a date for which is unknown.

15i. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

There is a one-story shed bordering the east edge of the lot. The house is surrounded for the most part with woodland.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is consistent in north-to-south separation, but is inconsistent in size and setback with its neighbors, being smaller and oddly situated at an angle with the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

This one-and-a-half story house is a modified open gable cottage with folk elements, as described in the McAlesters' A Field Guide to American Houses.

The main (north) facade of the house consists of an entrance placed centrally, beneath a one story porch with a gable roof and pediment. The porch is supported by square posts. Between the porch and northeast corner there is a six-over-six double-hung sash. There is a similar window near the northwest corner. The second story has a small, single fixed cottage window near the northeast corner.

The northern half of the east facade is recessed, and consists of a gable wall with a one story porch with a shed roof, which covers the northern half of the facade. There is a one-over-one double-hung sash on the first story level, with an entrance and a one-over-one double-hung sash placed beneath the porch and in the reentrant angle formed by the recessed gable wall. The southern half of the east facade, adjacent to the gable wall, has a two-over-two double-hung sash placed centrally in the bay. The west facade, consisting of a gable wall covering the northern half of the facade, has a six-over-six double-hung sash on each story level. The double-hung sash on the southern half of the west facade is identical with the sash on the southern half of the east facade.

The south facade consists of two one-over-one double-hung sash placed near the southeast and southwest corners of the facade, with a one-over-one double-hung sash placed centrally between them.

The house is clad with clapboard siding, and has a coursed stone foundation. The structure has an asphalt roof. The one story shed at the southeast corner of the lot has clapboard siding, with an asphalt roof. The foundation of the shed is invisible, but is probably similar to that of the house.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This house is constructed on "SOC 54, Lt. 7, P 4," as identified on current tax maps and the 1994 Tax Roll of Corning.

The house is first mentioned in the 1893 Tax Roll of Corning, under the title of William Hennessy. It is also noted in the 1895 Hanford City Directory under the titles of Margaret and Mary Hennessy, sisters, who were occupied as seamstresses in Corning. In 1920, Mary Hennessy, the sole occupant of the house, died, leaving the property to her sister Margaret Menocal, her niece Louise Hennessy, and nephew William Dillon. Margaret Menocal sold the property to Frances Quill in 1929, who occupied the premises until her death in 1948. The estate was left to her daughter Loretta Quill, a seamstress, who in 1960 deeded the southern half of the lot to Francis J. and Marguerite Stoquert (the property would later become the site of a house at 300 Walnut Street.) The rest of the property, including the house, was purchased by Richard and Karen Biesanz in 1975, and was bought by its current owner and occupant in 1979.

21. SOURCES:

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS: (To be attached later)