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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: 300 Walnut Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [X]
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Kenneth H. and Laura P. Howard 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 [ ] b. stone [ ] c. brick [ ] d. board & batten [ ]  
e. cobblestone [ ] f. shingles [ ] g. stucco [ ] other: pressed  
hardboard siding
- 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
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent[X] b. good [ ] 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:  
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: 1988

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

See Continuation Sheet

21. SOURCES:

See Continuation Sheet

22. THEME:

11c. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND DATES:

This house, built in 1988, has as yet undergone no alterations.

15i. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:

There are no outbuildings on the property.

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The house is set back a distance of approximately thirty feet from the edge of the road. The structure is inconsistent with its neighbors in age, being of recent construction, but is consistent in size and north-to-south separation.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE:

The house at 300 Walnut Street is built in the Neo-Tudor Style, as described in the McAlesters' A Field Guide to American Architecture. It shows some of the identifying characteristic features of the style, including half-timbering, a steeply pitched roof, and slender windows in groups of two and three. In the McAlesters' words, this structure is an example of "a very free interpretation of traditional designs; unlike its Tudor antecedent, there is little attempt at precisely mimicking Medieval forms or detailing." The house is constructed with a variety of materials including brick, concrete block, texture 1-11 siding, and half-timbering, giving the impression of a number of textured surfaces and contrasts in surface color. The house is built on split levels; the northern half has three stories, and the southern half consists of one-and-a-half stories.

The west (main) facade has a front porch continuing upward into a shed dormer. The porch has a wide overhanging eave, and protects a central entrance approached by concrete steps. The roof of the shed dormer is extended by a hood supported by square wooden posts with stick-like brackets. The entrance door is made of cedar wood, and is set against a wood plank surface. Between the entrance and the southwest corner there is an eight-over-eight double-hung window. The rest of the facade consists of vertical half-timbering. There are a trio of single-pane windows near the northwest corner. There are a pair of similar windows between the entrance door and the trio of windows.

The north facade consists mainly of slender single-pane replacement windows placed in sets of two on each story, excepting the second story level where there is one such window near the northeast corner. The windows on the third story level are placed in a texture 1-11 surround which projects slightly off the facade. The south facade of the house is dominated by a projecting gabled wall covering the western half of the facade. This gabled wall is made of brick, and has a stepped brick chimney centered in the gabled wall. The chimney is flanked by eight-over-eight double-hung sash on the first and second story levels. There is a trio of casement windows near the southeast corner of the facade.

The east (rear) facade has mostly casement windows placed irregularly on the facade. A small projecting gabled wall occupies the southern third of the facade, with a trio of casement windows centered in the gabled wall. There is a small gabled dormer with paired replacement windows near the southeast corner of the roof.

The house is situated on a parcel of land identified as "SOC 53," according to current tax maps and the 1994 Rax Roll of Corning.

The house, built in 1988, exists on a parcel of land which was vacant until the time of construction. The property was originally part of the parcel of land belonging to Loretta Quill, identified as "SOC 54, Lt. 7, Pt. 4" (294 Walnut Street) on the 1994 Corning Tax Roll. The property was sold to Francis J. and Marguerite Stoquert in 1960. The Stoquerts sold the land to Robert L. and Leonora J. Gross, residents of the city, in 1974. The parcel was bought by its current owners in 1986.

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21. SOURCES:

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS: (To be attached later)