

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Richard C. Youngken DATE: Feb. 10, 1981

YOUR ADDRESS: 42 Ridge Street
Glens Falls, NY TELEPHONE: 518-761-3833

ORGANIZATION (if any): City of Glens Falls, Community Development Office

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Dr. Charles A. Foster House

2. COUNTY: Warren TOWN/CITY: Glens Falls VILLAGE: _____

3. STREET LOCATION: 162-164 Warren Street

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private

5. PRESENT OWNER: Eileen Rose ADDRESS: 226 Warren St., Glens Falls, NY

6. USE: Original: single family residential Present: multi-family residential

7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No

Interior accessible: Explain no
granite

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: metal tile, wood shingle
roof

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other rock-faced granite ashlar foundation

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):

c. 1894: Interior of building damaged by 3 successive fires.

c. 1940: building rehabilitated for multi-family residential use

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP: SEE ATTACHED

JTM LOCATION: GLENS FALLS QUAD

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MA 7-21 SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NORTH

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known b. zoning c. roads
 d. developers e. deterioration
 f. other: industrial pollution (air)
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: (non-contributing)
 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
 densely built-up e. commercial
 f. industrial g. residential
 h. other: _____
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING 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: 1889

ARCHITECT: unknown

BUILDER: Hiram Krum, contractor

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

see continuation sheet:

21. SOURCES:

see continuation sheet:

22. THEME:

Architecture

Dr. Foster House
162-164 Warren Street
Glens Falls, NY

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The nominated property includes all that parcel delineated as lot no. 65-1-7, tax maps, city of Glens Falls, which equals less than one acre. The surrounding area is characterized by a mixture of large residences converted to multi-family housing, commercial buildings, and institutional structures.

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The Dr. Charles A. Foster House is a two and one half-story, asymmetrical, stone and frame, Queen Anne style residence. Built in 1889 for a Glens Falls physician, the house resembles the William McEchron House of 1891 at 65 Ridge Street in many of its design features. Above a high cut stone foundation with water table, the first-story walls are built of rock-faced granite with round and flat-arched window openings. The upper stories are shingled, with bands of fenestration. A raised, one-story stone porch shelters the ornate round-arched entrance. A cylindrical two-story tower with conical roof rises from the porch roof at the southeast corner of the house. The roof is accented by numerous gables, dormers and changes in pitch. A paneled wall dormer with pediment and tripartite window is located at the southwest corner of the house.

Although the ornate interior was extensively damaged by three successive fires in 1894, the entrance hall remains intact. This distinctive Queen Anne style interior is dominated by a large rock-faced sandstone fireplace with red mortar joints and an inglenook beneath the highly embellished main staircase. A large gilded gesso relief panel above the fireplace mantel depicts cherubs and musicians. A beamed rough plaster ceiling and oak paneled wainscoting complete the Queen Anne stylistic effect achieved in the entrance hall.

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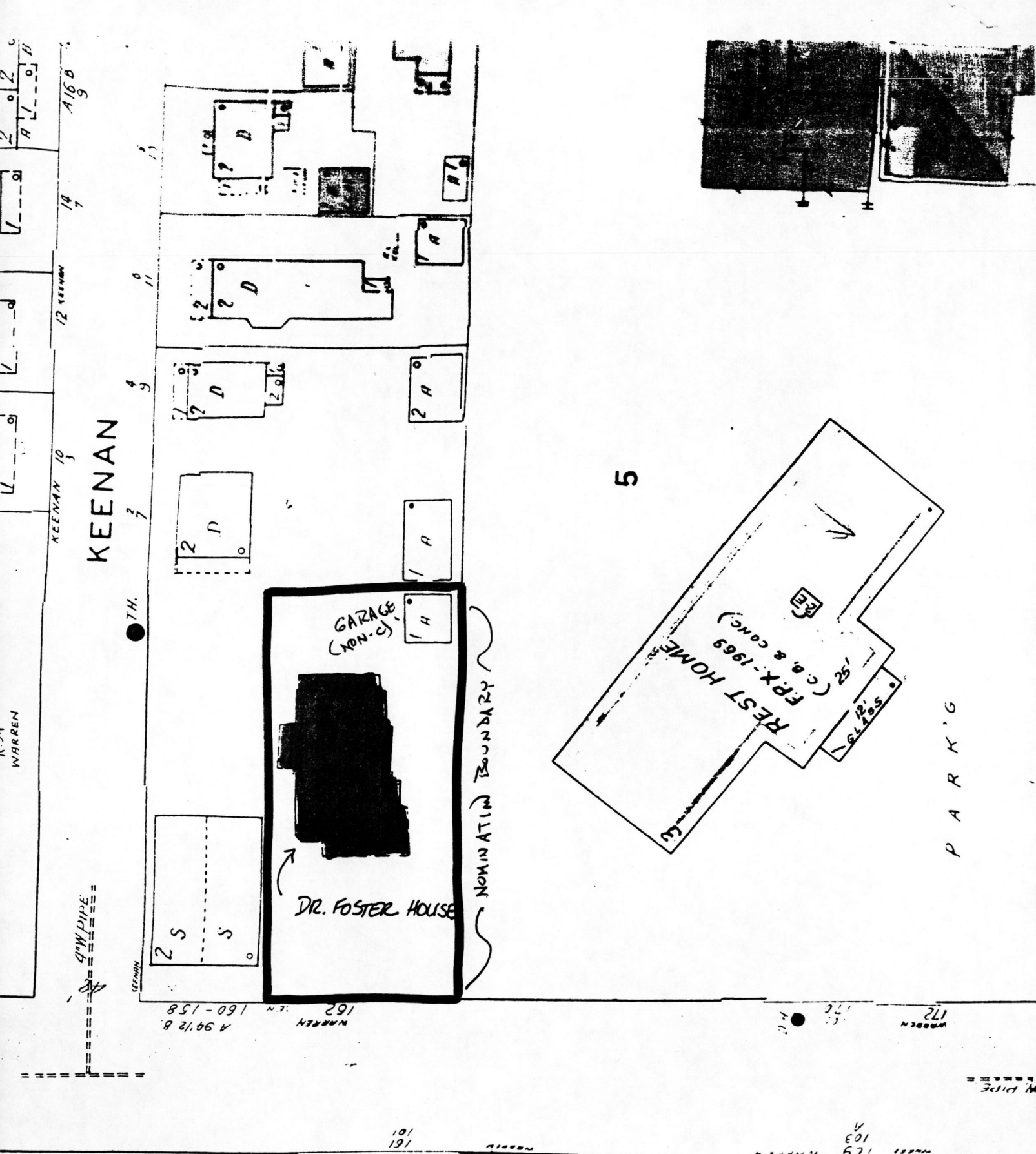
The Dr. Charles A. Foster House at 162-164 Warren Street is architecturally significant as a notable intact, representative example of late nineteenth century, Queen Anne style residential design in Glens Falls. Built in 1889 for a prominent local physician on one of the city's most prestigious residential streets, the Foster House embodies the materials, design elements and decorative features typically found in the community's fashionable upper middle class houses of this period. Many of the large residences remaining in Glens Falls from the late nineteenth century lack integrity, having been altered for multi-family or office use. With its corner tower, dormers, gables, porches and contrasting materials, the exterior of the Foster House retains considerable integrity. The entrance hall, with its oak staircase, cut stone fireplace, and gilded overmantel, is one of the most significant Queen Anne style interior spaces extant in the buildings of the multiple resource area. Despite its long history as a rooming house, the Dr. Foster House continues to exhibit the distinctive characteristics of Queen Anne style architecture in Glens Falls.

Dr. Foster House
162-164 Warren Street
Glens Falls, NY

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Sources:

- Charles A. Foster biographical material in the archives of the Crandall Library. Glens Falls, NY.
- Cunningham, R.S. & Co., Map of Glens Falls, N.Y. Prepared from surveys and records, NY 1892.
- Directory of Glens Falls, South Glens Falls, Sandy Hill and Fort Edwards for 1897/98-1909/10 Glens Falls Printing Co., J. Rowen Co., L.P. Waite & Co.
- Glens Falls, Sandy Hill and Fort Edward Directory, 1879/80-1895/96. Sandy Hill, N.Y., Dwyer & Co.: Glens Falls Printing Co. 1879-1896.
- Glens Falls Times. "William Lawrence marks Eighty-second Birthday; Prominent as Architect." Glens Falls, NY. February 9, 1932.
- Obituary of Hiram Krum (c1903) in scrapbook in the collection of the Glens Falls Queensbury Historical Association. Chapman Historical Museum. Glens Falls, NY.
- Sanborn Map Co. Insurance Maps of Glens Falls, New York, New York, N.Y. Sanborn Map Company, 1905, 1911 and as updated, 1969.
- Scrapbook Collection c. 1890-1910 of Glens Falls Queensbury Historical Association. Chapman Historical Museum. Glens Falls, N.Y.



SOURCE: SANBORN MAP CO. INSURANCE MAPS OF GLENS FALLS, 1905, 1911, and as updated 1969.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Glens Falls City Multiple Resource Area
State Warren County, NEW YORK

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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|-----|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 31. | First Presbyterian Church | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 9/29/84</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 32. | Foster, Dr. Charles A., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 9/29/84</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 33. | Glens Falls Home for Aged
Women | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 9/29/84</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 34. | Goodman, Stephen L., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 9/29/84</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 35. | House at 216 Warren Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 9/29/84</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 36. | Joubert and White Building | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 9/29/84</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 37. | Krum, Hiram, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 9/29/84</u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 38. | Little, Russell M., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 9/29/84</u> |
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| 39. | McEchron, William, House | Entered in the
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| 40. | Ordway, Jones, House | Entered in the
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| | | | Attest | _____ |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Foster, Dr. Charles A., House (Glens Falls
MRA)
Warren County
NEW YORK

Working No. AUG 15 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/5/85
Date Due: 9.13.84 / 9.29.84
Action: ACCEPT 9-29-84
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

County, Dr. Charles A. House (Clara Falls)
NARA
Warren County
NEW YORK

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Glens Falls MRA
Warren Co. NY

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162-164 WARREN ST.

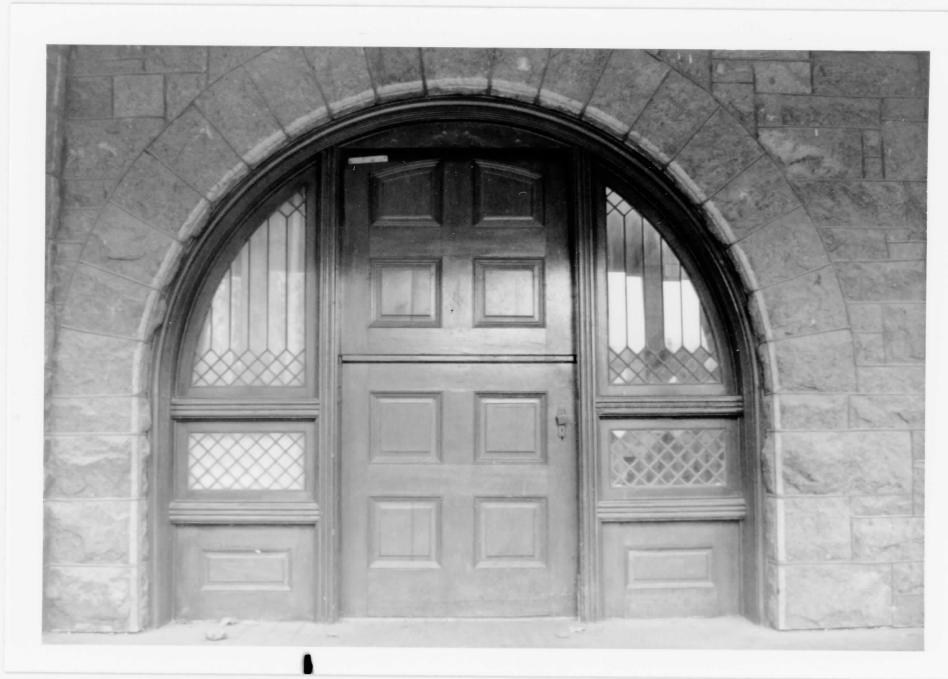


SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NORTHEAST



WEST SIDE, LOOKING EAST

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DETAIL, MAIN ENTRANCE



DETAIL, ENTRANCE/STAIR HALL



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