

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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ORGANIZATION (if any): City of Buffalo - Division of Planning

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
3. STREET LOCATION: 23 Agassiz Cir
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Congregation Sisters ADDRESS: 23 Agassiz Circle, Bflo
6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Religious Offices
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain By Permission

**DESCRIPTION**

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
 e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
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 \_\_\_\_\_
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): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: 41-10a



13. MAP:



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known  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   
c. scattered buildings   
d. densely built-up  e. commercial   
f. industrial  g. residential   
h. other: Expressway

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

This building is situated on a standard size building lot in Olmsted's Parkside subdivision, and is one of nine residences located on this Olmsted designed traffic Circle, which forms the intersection of Parkside Avenue, Humboldt Parkway and the Park's entrance. Delaware Park, listed on the National Register is located directly to the west.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

Two and one half story Italian Renaissance style. Cross gable roof. Cornice is embellished with modillion blocks and dentils. Cornice end returns. Pedimented gable porch has modillions under cornice. Square pier supports and spindle balustrade. First and second floor square-headed 6/1 windows. Stone window head with keystone. Palladian window in gable. East side has second story stairwell window. Highly executed Palladian window in blind arch. Stain glass.

**SIGNIFICANCE**  
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1906

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

An excellent example of an Italian Renaissance styled residence. The home was built for John H. Eckhardt at a cost of \$13,000. Agassiz Circle was designed by Olmsted as the western terminus for Humboldt Parkway. The Circle acted as an entrance to the Park and a crossing for important streets. Olmsted suggested that the circular form would provide for "greater convenience in crossing and turning" and that such an area would "offer suitable positions for fountains, statues and public monuments."

21. SOURCES: Atlas of the City of Buffalo. 1894, 1915.  
City of Buffalo-Department of Building Permits: Building Plans (D-18) 1906  
Buffalo Park Commissioners 8th, 9th, 10th 11th Annual Reports. 1881

22. THEME:  
Residential architecture associated with Parkside development.  
Italian Renaissance