Colvin 0007-9; Building-Structure Inventory Form

NYS Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS)
BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

UNIQUE SITE NO. 4814
QUAD ----------- SERIES ----------- NEG. NO. 029-40 D07

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

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME(S): _______________________
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: __
3. STREET LOCATION: 7-9 Colvin Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public □ b. private ☑
5. PRESENT OWNER: Ann Magney/Roman Iluk ADDRESS: 7-9 Colvin Avenue, Bflo
6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☑ No □
   Interior accessible: Explain ________________

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: 19-19a
13. MAP: [Map showing the building's location]
14. THREATS TO BUILDING:  
a. none known \(\checkmark\)  
b. zoning \(\square\)  
c. roads \(\square\)  
d. developers \(\square\)  
e. deterioration \(\checkmark\)  
f. other: _______________ 

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
a. barn \(\square\)  
b. carriage house \(\square\)  
c. garage \(\checkmark\)  
d. privy \(\square\)  
e. shed \(\square\)  
f. greenhouse \(\square\)  
g. shop \(\square\)  
h. gardens \(\square\)  
i. landscape features: _______________ 
j. other: _______________ 

16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):  
a. open land \(\square\)  
b. woodland \(\square\)  
c. scattered buildings \(\square\)  
d. densely built-up \(\checkmark\)  
e. commercial \(\square\)  
f. industrial \(\square\)  
g. residential \(\checkmark\)  
h. other: Athletic Field, Buffalo Zoological Gardens 

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:  
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)  
The large building lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision has two structures constructed upon it, both duplex residences. The north-south thoroughfare leads directly into the grounds of the Buffalo Zoological Society, which is immediately to the south of this building. The Nichols School athletic field is located on the west side of the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
Two and one half story duplex with Colonial Revival Styling. Side gable roof. Gabled dormers are connected by flat roof center bay. North 1/1 window and south 6/6 window. Two story low relief projecting wing, two bays wide. First floor full-length double sash windows, multi-light with shallow wrought iron balconet. Second floor has a set of paired square-headed 6/6 windows. Window shutters. North and south entrances have low relief pedimented door heads.

SIGNIFICANCE  

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1925 

ARCHITECT: Herbert Swain, 52 West Chippewa, Bflo, NY

BUILDER: George W. Eighmy & Manly G. Eighmy 

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
This duplex with Colonial Revival influence is unique to the area as most of the residences are one family. The home was built by Manly & George Eighmy at a cost of $10,000. Colvin Street takes its name from Peter Colvin, a Holland Land Agent. In the 1890's the street was known as Niagara Blvd. and Niagara Falls Blvd. Colvin is a Zoo entrance from the north. It relates directly to Olmsted's Sketch Map of the Park System-1876. The land is part of a subdivision named "Meadow View Park" conveyed to George L. Thorne and Byron Angell in July 1889 by James Tillinghast. The restrictive covenants in the deeds of sale to sub-dividers provided for residential use only, and said dwellings "shall all be of ...tasteful design."

21. SOURCES: "Olmsted"s Sketch Map-Showing the relation of the Park System to the City." City of Buffalo-Department of Building Permits: Building Plans [1-124] 1925. Deed - Liber 575 Page 143" Restrictions Index to Streets 1814-1896. @ 1896

22. THEME:  
Residential architecture associated with Parkside development Colonial Revival Style