

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: July 25, 1984
P. O. BOX 590

YOUR ADDRESS: BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14205-0590 TELEPHONE: _____

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
- STREET LOCATION: 17 Florence Ave
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private 730 Parkside Ave.
- PRESENT OWNER: Wilda Levin ADDRESS: Buffalo, NY 14216
- USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

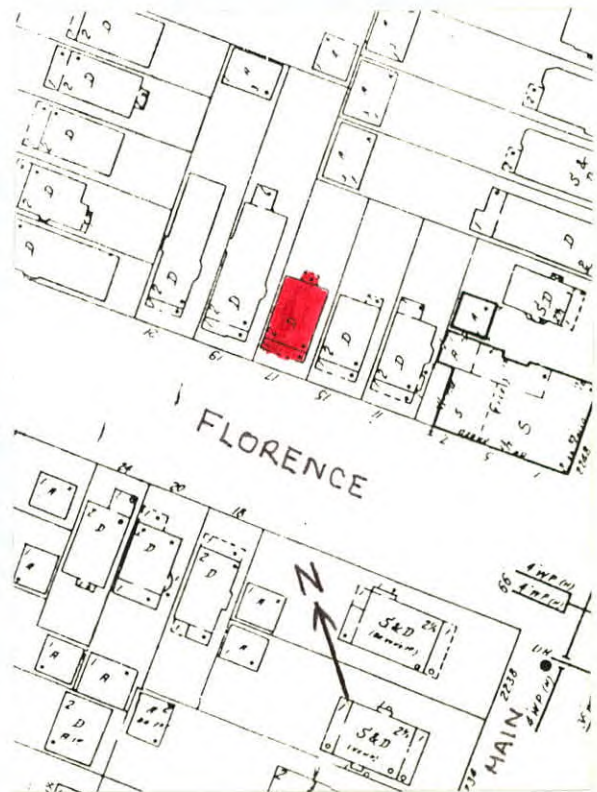
DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO: 37-25a



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: tree and shrubs in front yard
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: _____

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

Building is situated on a standard sized corner lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is located three blocks from Delaware Park, which was designed by Olmsted and is listed on the National Register, and southeast of the Zoo.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
Two and a half story frame with front facing gable roof. Full-width flat roof porch. Rough cut, regular course stone base and pedestals. Tapered square Doric supports with column elaboration. Paneled rail with spindle balustrade. Glass paneled door flanked to right by 1/1 window. First floor left bay has double-hung 1/1 window. Plain window surround. Second floor semi-

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1901 hexagonal bay has double-hung 1/1 window. Pedimented gable, shingled, has paired double-hung 1/1 windows. Entablature window head.
ARCHITECT: _____
BUILDER: Saw-tooth shingles at window sill, top and raking cornice.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A typical frame gabled residence found throughout Buffalo. Florence Avenue extends from Main Street to Parkside Avenue, paralleling Robie Street. Located within the first section of the Parkside subdivision to be developed, Florence Avenue was deeded to the city by Jacob Davis in 1887. Although Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside" show a street angling from the intersection of Main and Humboldt to Parkside Avenue, when it was finally developed Florence Avenue was modified to parallel Humboldt Avenue. It nevertheless still followed Olmsted's rule that a subdivision street "not lead with special directness toward the town."

21. SOURCES: City Tax Assessor Field Sheets
County Census Records, 1905
Olmsted's Sketch Map of Buffalo, 1876
The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted, Vol. III, by
Charles E. Beveridge & David Schuyler, eds. (1983).
22. THEME:

Residence