

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO.	5201
QUAD	
SERIES	
NEG. NO.	

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- BUILDING NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_
- COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
- STREET LOCATION: 78 Humboldt Pkwy
- OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Clears Griffin ADDRESS: 78 Humboldt Parkway, Bflo
- USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain By Permission

**DESCRIPTION**

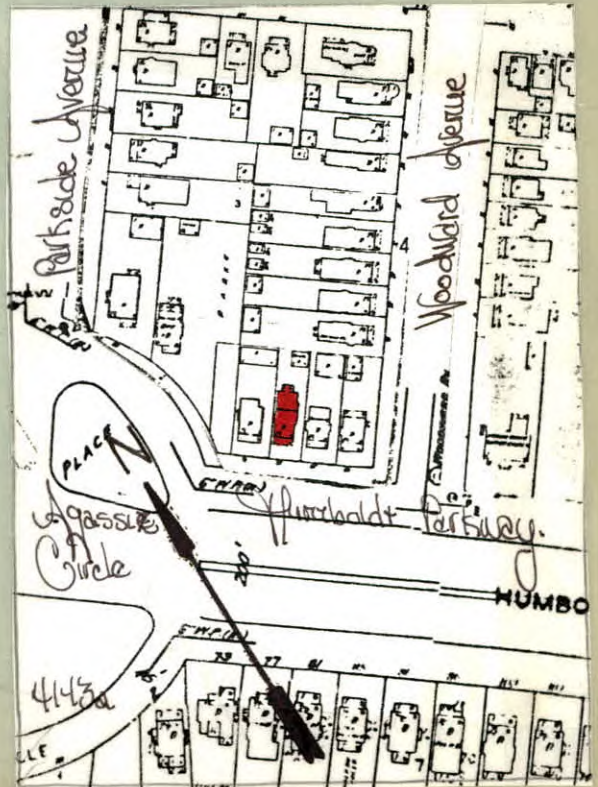
- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
(if known) b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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):  
1968 - Porch enclosed, first floor oriel added

12. PHOTO: 41-13a



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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)  
 The building is located on a broad east-west thoroughfare designed by Olmsted to "act as a route of access" to Delaware Park and the secondary parklands; i.e. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. The City's expressway presently dissects the parkway. Situated on a standard size building lot in Olmsted's Parkside subdivision, surrounded by varied 20th century architectural styles; Queen Anne to Prairie.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
 Two and one half story American Four Square. Steep pitched hip roof with overhanging eaves, boxed. Hip roof dormer with tri-partite square-headed window, 1/1 lights. Visor roof encompasses recessed entrance and first floor wing. Oriel with diamond light tracery. Glass paneled door with sidelights. Upper porch wrought iron balustrade. Arched bay window on second floor. Square-headed, 1/1 windows. Multi-light door leads to porch.

**SIGNIFICANCE**  
 19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1915  
 ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
 A typical example of an American Four Square, The house was built for Gaspar DeCola, who ran a fruit market at a cost of \$3,600. Humboldt Parkway was named for Alexander Humboldt, a noted geologist, in honor of his work as a Naturalist. The parkway was conceived by Olmsted as a broad thoroughfare, designed central roads and walks for "pleasure travel." This area would provide a setting for short walks, a playground for children and an "airing ground for invalids." Roadways outside of this area would "answer the purpose of a street for ordinary traffic."

21. SOURCES: Atlas of the City of Buffalo. 1894, 1915  
Buffalo Park Commissioners 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th Annual Reports. 1881

22. THEME:  
 Residential architecture associated with Parkside development.  
 American Four Square