

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
 UNIQUE SITE NO. 020-40 5360 DO7
 QUAD _____
 SERIES _____
 NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: June 5, 1984
 P. O. BOX 590

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 2136 Main St
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Canisius College ADDRESS: 2001 Main St., Buffalo, NY
6. USE: Original: Apartments Present: Apartments 14208
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

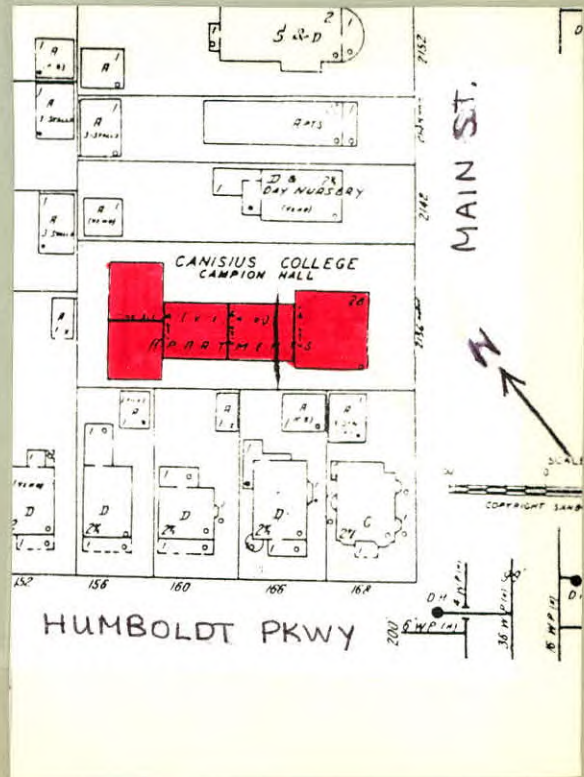
DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
 e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
 (if known) 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: 28-16a



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: trees 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 large sized lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. Apartments are 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 story brick with Italian Renaissance styling. Simple hip roof with boxed overhanging eaves. Flat symmetrical front facade. Center bay has two story blind arcade in stone. Doric pilaster strips. Glass and wood paneled door flanked on one side by 8-light sidelight. Doric pilaster strips flank and support semi-circular moulded arch. Keystone with moulded stone curves

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1929 enframing medallion. Second floor has double hung 6/1 window. Semi-circular stone arch above decorated with highly carved laurel. Square panel in stone etched with '2136'. First and second floor end bays have three-part windows; 6/1 center, with 4/1 sides.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Paneled apron. Wrought iron balcony. Relieving arch.

A good example of a 1920's version of the Italian Renaissance style. Originally the Buffalo and Williamsville Macadam Road, Main Street was a pre-existing street at the time Olmsted designated it as the eastern border for "The Parkside." While the streets within the subdivision were designed specifically to avoid commercial development, this portion of Main Street became a combination of commercial and residential structures. It was also a major thoroughfare into the city, allowing easy access to downtown from this suburban neighborhood.

21. SOURCES: City Building Permit Records
 City Tax Assessor Field Sheets
 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: Italian Renaissance