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**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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 ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 4816  
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YOUR NAME: Debra A. Mattice DATE: August 7, 1984

YOUR ADDRESS: 37 Congress, Bflo 14213 TELEPHONE: (716) 884-5899

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: 17 Colvin Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Daniel A. Goulding ADDRESS: 17 Colvin Avenue
6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain By Permission

**DESCRIPTION**

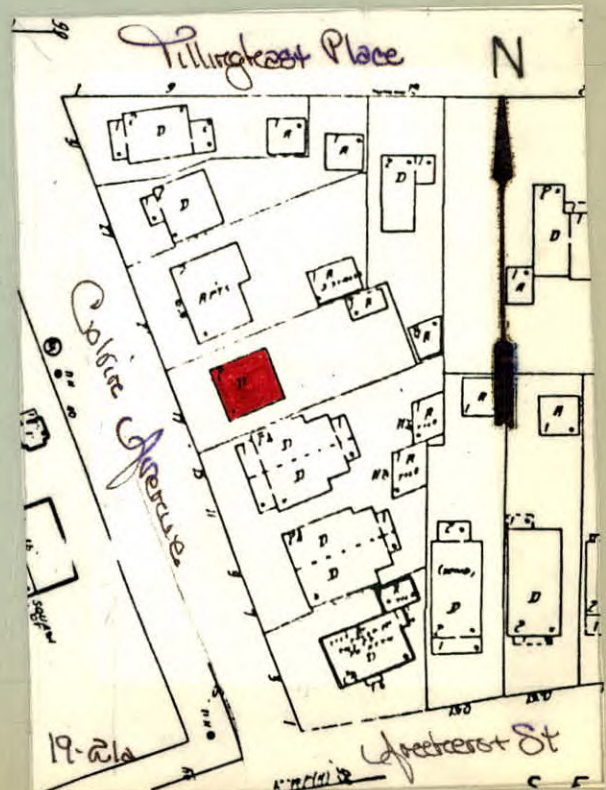
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
 e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: Aluminum Siding
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
 b. wood frame with light members   
 c. masonry load bearing walls   
 d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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):  
Aluminum siding added - 1981

12. PHOTO: 19-21a



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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: Athletic Field, Buffalo Zoological Gardens

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

The building is situated on a standard size building lot in Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. The north-south thoroughfare at its most southerly end runs directly into the grounds of the Buffalo Zoological Society. 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 simplified Colonial Revival Style. Steep pitched side gable roof. Center chimney. Low relief second story overhang. Off-center entrance has concave arched entrance hood with flared ends. Plain pilaster strips flank wood paneled 6 light door. First and second floor square-headed 6/6 windows. Window shutters.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1917

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

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This simplified Colonial Revival Style was built for Bryant B. Glenny at a cost of \$5,000. Mr. Glenny was the son of William Glenny, one of Buffalo's pioneer business men who in the early 1840's established the once widely known crockery house which was conducted under W.H. Glenny and Sons until it was closed in 1898. Mr. Glenny traveled extensively and resided for a time in Switzerland. Colvin Street takes its name from Peter Colvin, a Holland Land Co 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 1876 Sketch Map of the Park System. 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.

Buffalo Evening News July 12, 1917. Obit.

21. SOURCES: Deed - Liber 575 Page 143: Restrictions  
City of Buffalo-Department of Building Permits: Building Plans [D-60] 1917.  
"Olmsted's Sketch Map-Showing the relation of the Park System to the City." 1876  
Index to Streets 1814-1896. @1896.

22. THEME:

Residential architecture associated with Parkside development  
 Colonial Revival Style