

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMTSTED PARKS DATE: July 25, 1984
 P. O. BOX 590
 YOUR ADDRESS: BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14205-0590 TELEPHONE: _____
 ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

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IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
- STREET LOCATION: 20 Florence Ave
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Paul Parsons ADDRESS: 20 Florence
- USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

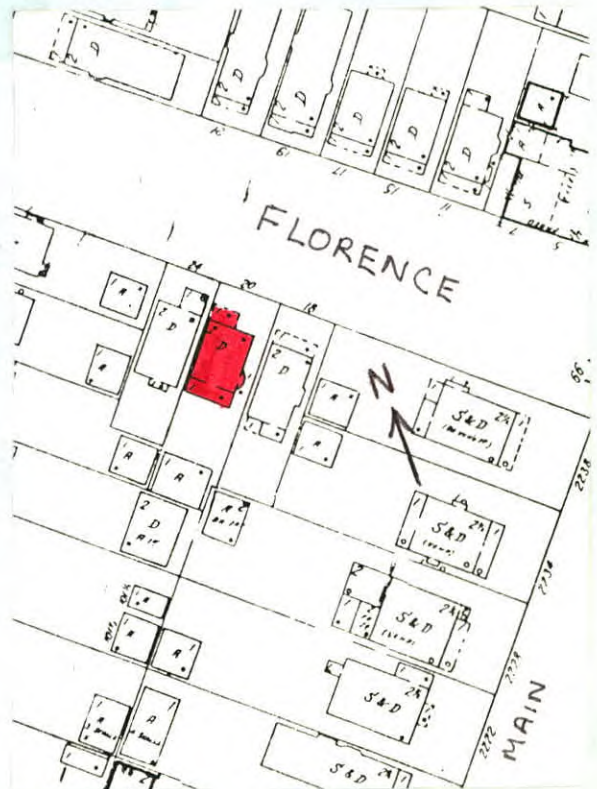
DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: aluminum siding
- 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: 42-33a



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: large trees 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 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 American Four Square. Hip roof. Partial-width flat roof enclosed porch. Ten-light double sash doors. Transom. Three-light sidelight flanks on left side. Two 15-light windows on right side. End tapered pilasters. Vertical planked boards at base of porch. Eave overhang. Left bay first floor has tri-part window. Single light with casement side windows. Second floor

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1910
semi-hexagonal bay. Double
ARCHITECT: hung 1/1 window. Right bay has double hung 1/1
window. Hip roof dormer has double hung 1/1 window.
BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Typical American Four Square. 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: Buffalo City Atlas, 1894, updated 1909
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: American Four Square