

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMDSTED PARKS DATE: JAN 10 1982
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: 39 Parkside Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Martin J. Downey, Jr ADDRESS: 39 Parkside Avenue
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

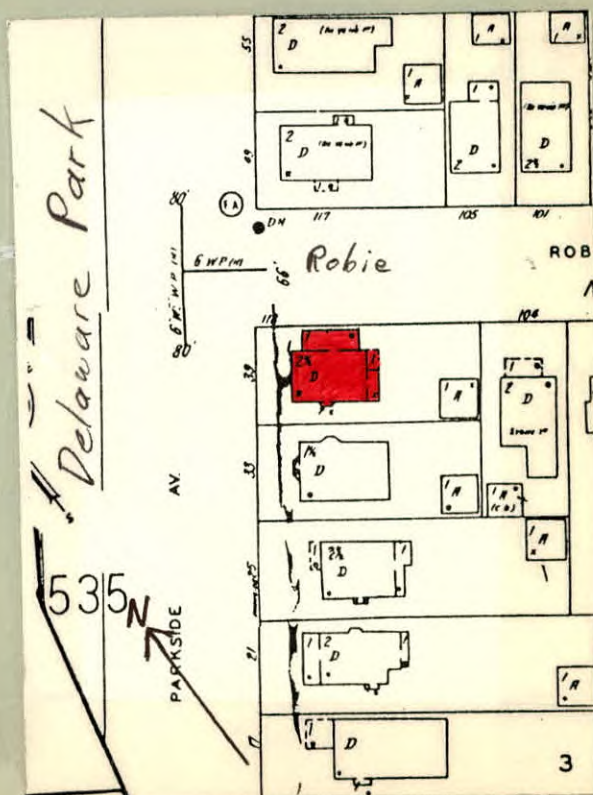
DESCRIPTION

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: 12 4a & 5a



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 & shrubs
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 city building lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is directly opposite Delaware Park which was designed by Olmsted and is listed on the National Register.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
Two and a half story American Four Square with Colonial Revival styling. Overhanging transverse saddle roof. Eight over eight double hung windows on the second story of the west facade.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1905

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Typical example of the American Four Square with Colonial styling that was built in this area. This house is located on Parkside Avenue, a street conceived by FLO around 1873 as part of a residential "suburb" adjacent to Delaware Park. This suburb was called "The Parkside" by Olmsted and appears on an 1876 map drawn by him as a proposed area of curved winding streets on the north and east sides of the park. Parkside Avenue was actually created by the City of Buffalo in 1888. The street very closely follows Olmsted's original plan maintaining the picturesque character that he envisioned for the streets surrounding the park.

21. SOURCES: Buffalo City Atlas 1894, 1915

22. THEME: American Four Square.