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**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
ALBANY, NEW YORK (518) 474-0479

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 4818

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NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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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: 27 Colvin Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Bernard H. Nathan ADDRESS: 27 Colvin Avenue, Bflo
- 6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain By Permission

**DESCRIPTION**

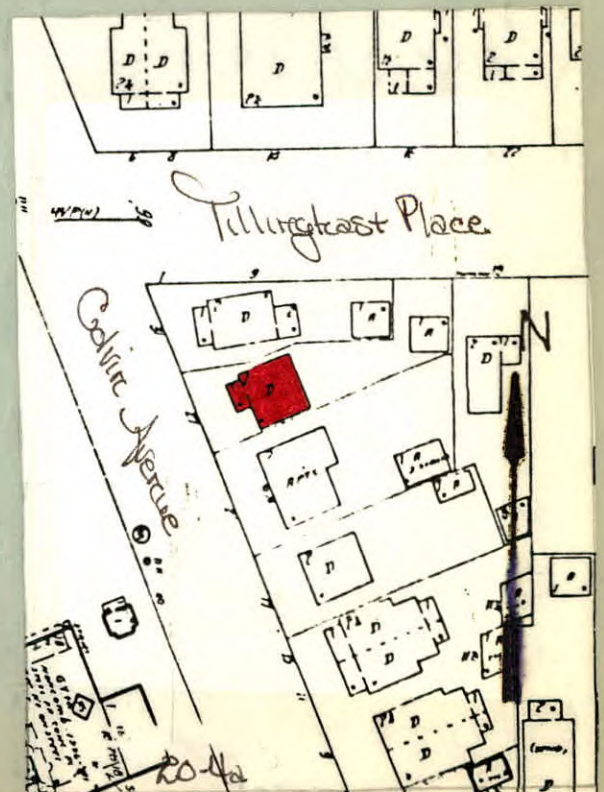
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain)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

12. PHOTO: 20-4a

13. MAP:



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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, Bflo 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 Gardens. 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 story Dutch Colonial Revival style. Side gambrel roof with clipped gable ends. Full width shed dormer has brackets under extended eave. A set of paired square-headed 6/6 windows in dormer. Window shutters. Shed roof projecting wing and entrance. Brackets under projecting eave. Wing has a horizontal band of four square-headed 6/6 windows. Entrance has paneled door with semi-circular light.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1920
- ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_
- BUILDER: Abraham Israel

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
 A fine example of the vernacular adaptation of the Dutch Colonial Style. 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 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. The restrictive covenants in the deeds of sale to subdividers provided for residential use only, and said dwellings "shall all be of...tasteful design."
21. SOURCES: Deed - Liber 575 Page 143: Restrictions  
 "Olmsted's Sketch Map-Showing the relation of the Park System to the City." 1876.  
Index to Streets 1814-1896 @ 1896.  
 Sandborn Insurance Map 1916, 1925.
22. THEME:  
 Residential architecture associated with Parkside development.  
 Dutch Colonial Revival