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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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ORGANIZATION (if any): City of Buffalo - Division of Planning

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, BfIo

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:
   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: 29-4a

13. MAP: [Map Image]
14. THREATS TO BUILDING:  
   a. none known X  
   b. zoning ☐  
   c. roads ☐  
   d. developers ☐  
   e. deterioration ☐  
   f. other:  

15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:  
   a. barn ☐  
   b. carriage house ☐  
   c. garage X  
   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 X  
   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 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):  

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:  
   "Olmsted's Sketch Map—Showing the relation of the Park System to the City." 1876.  
   Index to Streets 1814-1896 @ 1896.  
   Sanborn Insurance Map 1916, 1925.  

22. THEME:  
   Residential architecture associated with Parkside development.  
   Dutch Colonial Revival