

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 029-40-5846 D07  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLNSTED PARKS DATE: August 6, 1984

P. O. BOX 590

YOUR ADDRESS: BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14205-0590 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 17 Willow Lawn
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Henry Strasner ADDRESS: 17 Willow Lawn
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

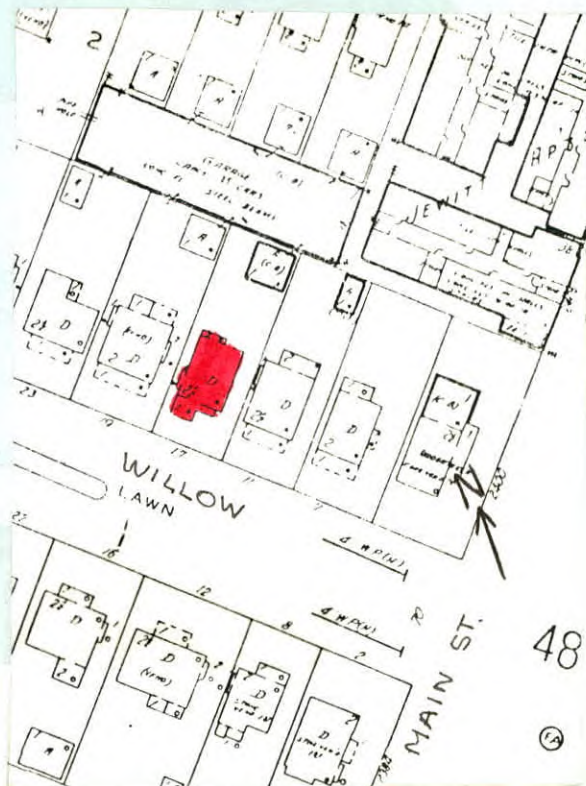
**DESCRIPTION**

- 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: 39-28a



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: tree 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 four 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 shingle residence influenced by Craftsman style. Side gable roof with exposed rafter tails under extending eaves. Partial-width flat roof enclosed porch extends from first floor shed roof bay. Brackets under porch eave. Lighted porch door flanked by double-hung 6/1 windows. First floor boxed bay with shed roof. Four single-hung windows 6/1 light.

SIGNIFICANCE 19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1906 Second floor has paired

double hung windows.

ARCHITECT: Diamond tracery in top light. Gable over second floor extends through the cornice. Knee brace

BUILDER: supports. Right corner bay extends over first floor. Paired casement windows with diamond light

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: tracery.

A good example of a vernacular Craftsman style residence. Willow Lawn, a one-block street between Crescent Avenue and Main Street just south of Jewett Parkway, is located on the lands of Elam R. Jewett and was named after the Jewett homestead. The last street to be created in the eastern portion of the Parkside subdivision, Willow Lawn was deeded to the city by Jewett's widow in 1905. It is the only Parkside street with a grassy median. While this specific street does not appear on Olmsted's 1870's maps of "The Parkside," it follows Olmsted's subdivision rule of providing easy access to a major thoroughfare leading toward downtown.

21. SOURCES: City Building Permit Records  
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:  
Craftsman