Colvin 0053; Building-Structure Inventory Form

NYS Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS)
BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME(S): ______________________
2. COUNTY: ___________ TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: ___________
3. STREET LOCATION: ___________
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public □ b. private □
5. PRESENT OWNER: Edwin H. Anderson, Jr. ADDRESS: 53 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: a. wood frame with interlocking joints □
   b. wood frame with light members □
   (if known) 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: 20–5a 13. MAP:

[Map Image]
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, 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 Garden. 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 and one half story Colonial Revival style adapted to a narrow urban building lot. Hip roof with extending eaves. Hip roof dormer with projecting eaves has paired square-headed 8/1 windows. West facade has central first floor single light window flanked by 6/1 square-headed windows. Wrought iron balconet on central window. Window shutters. Second floor 6/1 windows. South entrance has hip roof entrance hood supported by wrought iron brackets.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____________ 1919

ARCHITECT: Clyde H. Lanctot

BUILDER: _________________________

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
   A Colonial Revival Style residence adapted to a narrow urban lot. The house was built by Clyde Lanctot, a prominent building contractor, who financed and erected many of the homes in the north section of the City. 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 directly 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 1899 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:  
   Deeds - Liber 575 Page 143: Restrictions  
   "Olmsted's Sketch Map-Showing the relation of the Park System to the City." 1876 Index to Streets 1814-1596. @ 1896

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