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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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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

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- 2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 55 Colvin Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Richard J. Kieffer ADDRESS: 55 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

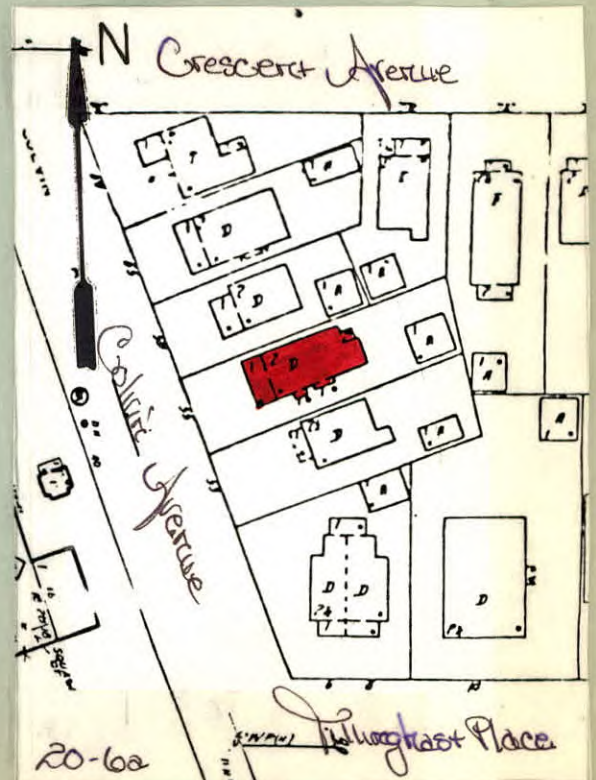
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 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: 20-6a



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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: _____
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 located 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 situated on the west side of the street.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
Two story American Four Square. Hip roof with overhanging eaves. Red tile roof covering. One story full-length projecting wing with hip roof. End corner piers. Multi-light picture window with shutters. Second story has small paired casement windows, 6 lights each placed just below roof eave, and at building corner ends. Window shutters. South side entrance has visor roof extending from roof of front wing. Paneled wood door.

SIGNIFICANCE
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1913

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: George D. Leman

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
A fine example of an American Four Square with Prairie School influence. 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 was 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: Atlas of the City of Buffalo. 1894, 1915.
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.

22. THEME:
Residential architecture associated with Parkside development.
American Four Square