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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: Buffalo
3. STREET LOCATION: 55 Colvin Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public [ ] b. private [x]
5. PRESENT OWNER: Richard J. Kieffer ADDRESS: 55 Colvin Avenue, Bflo
6. USE: Original: [ ] Present: Residence
    a. Original [ ] Present: Residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes [x] No [ ]
    Interior accessible: Explain By Permission

DESCRIPTION
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard [x] 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 [x]
    c. masonry load bearing walls [ ]
    d. metal (explain) [ ]
    e. other [ ]
10. CONDITION: a. excellent [ ] b. good [x] c. fair [ ] d. deteriorated [x]
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site [x] b. moved [ ] if so, when?
    c. list major alterations and dates (if known): __________________

12. PHOTO: 20-6a
13. MAP:
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 □  
   c. scattered buildings □  
   d. densely built-up □  
   e. commercial □  
   f. industrial □  
   g. residential X  
   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):  

SIGNIFICANCE  
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1913  

ARCHITECT:  
   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 Angel 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.  

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