

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: July 25, 1984
P. O. BOX 590

YOUR ADDRESS: BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14205-0590 TELEPHONE: _____

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- 2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 56 Florence Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Janice Savage ADDRESS: 56 Florence
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

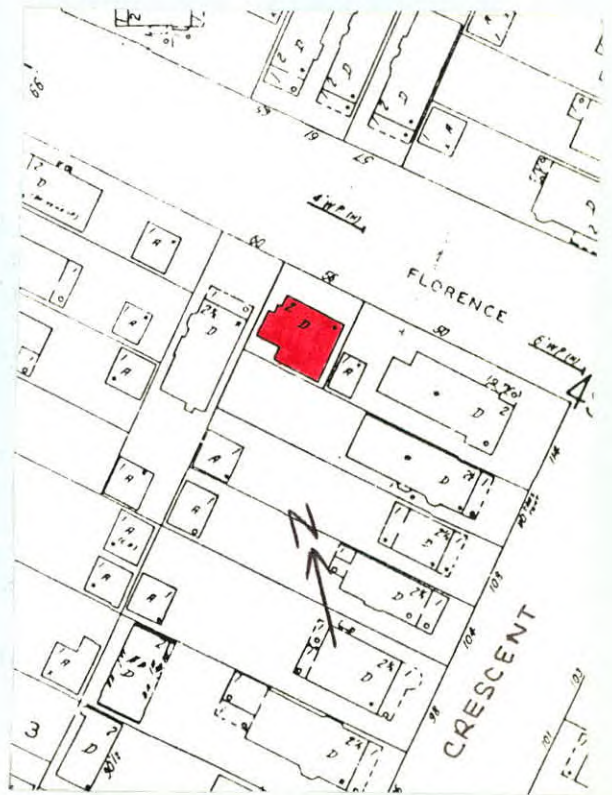
DESCRIPTION

- 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: 37-18a



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 small corner lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is located two 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 story shingle Colonial Revival style. Side gable roof with extending rear portion in partial salt box form. Exposed rafter tails under front extending eave. Symmetrical facade. First floor center bay has double-sash lighted doors. Plain surround. Segmental arch enframes entrance. Doric pilaster strips. Support arch. Keystone. End bays have double-hung 8/1 windows. Plain window surrounds.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1916

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

Second floor bays have double hung 8/1 windows. Window shutters first and second floor with crescent cut-out design.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

A Colonial Revival style residence typical of 1920's with marked influence from the Craftsman style. Florence Avenue extends from Main Street to Parkside Avenue, paralleling Robie Street. Located within the first section of the Parkside subdivision to be developed, Florence Avenue was deeded to the city by Jacob Davis in 1887. Although Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside" show a street angling from the intersection of Main and Humboldt to Parkside Avenue, when it was finally developed Florence Avenue was modified to parallel Humboldt Avenue. It nevertheless still followed Olmsted's rule that a subdivision street "not lead with special directness toward the town."

21. SOURCES: City Building Permit Records

City Tax Assessor Field Sheets

Olmsted's Sketch Map of Buffalo, 1876

The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted, Vol. III, by

22. THEME: Charles E. Beveridge & David Schuyler, eds. (1983).

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