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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: 59 Colvin Ave

3. STREET LOCATION: 59 Colvin Avenue, Bf la

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public □ b. private □

5. PRESENT OWNER: Lester B. Leopold
ADDRESS: 59 Colvin Avenue, Bf la

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 □
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: 20-7a

13. MAP: [Map of building location]
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 [x]  
   e. commercial □  
   f. industrial □  
   g. residential [x]  
   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 in 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 located on the west side of the street.  

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
   Two story Prairie Box Style. Low pitched hip roof with projecting eaves, boxed. Single story enclosed porch has flat roof with tri-partite single-light windows which emphasize the horizontality of the building. Paneled door with elliptical window tracery. Second story boxed bay window has a pair of square-headed 6/6 windows. Contrasting colored horizontal wood trim on sides of building.  

SIGNIFICANCE  
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: __________ 1912  

ARCHITECT: _________________________  

BUILDER: _________________________  

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
   An excellent example of the Prairie Box Style. 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."  

   Deed - Liber 575 Page 143: Restrictions  
   "Olmsted's Sketch Map-Showing the relation of the Park System to the City." 1876  
   Index to Streets 1815-1896. @1896  

22. THEME:  
   Residential architecture associated with Parkside development  
   Prairie Box