

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 5209
 QUAD _____
 SERIES _____
 NEG. NO. _____

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IDENTIFICATION

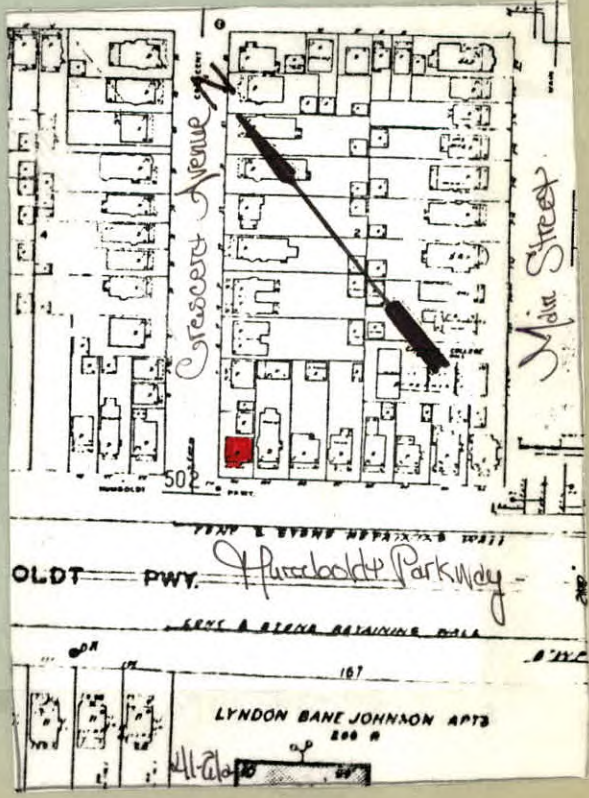
1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 140 Humboldt Pwy
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Charles Lyle Smith ADDRESS: 140 Humboldt Parkway, Bflo
6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior 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: Asbestos siding
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):
Porch balustrade altered to wrought iron.

12. PHOTO: 41-21a

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: _____ Expressway

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

The building is located on a broad east-west throughfare designed by Olmsted to "act as a route of access" to Delaware Park and the secondary parklands; i.e. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. The City's expressway presently dissects the parkway. Situated on a standard size building lot in Olmsted's Parkside subdivision, surrounded by varied 20th century architectural styles; Queen Anne to Prairie.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

Two and one half story American Foursquare. Steep pitched hip roof. Hip roof dormer with tri-partite square-headed 1/1 window. First floor full-length porch. Flat roof. Square supports with wrought iron balustrade. Glass paneled door. First and second floor 1/1 square-headed windows. North side has first floor bay window.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____ c. 1909

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Humboldt Parkway was conceived by Olmsted as a broad thoroughfare, designed with central roads and walks for "pleasure travel." This area would provide a setting for short walks, a playground for children and an "airing ground for invalids." Roadways outside of this area would "answer the purpose of a street for ordinary traffic." The Parkway was named for Alexander Humboldt, a noted geologist, in honor of his work as a Naturalist.

21. **SOURCES:** Atlas of the City of Buffalo. 1894, 1915.
Buffalo Park Commissioners 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th Annual Reports. 1881

22. **THEME:**

Residential architecture associated with Parkside development.

American Four Square.