

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. <u>5446</u>	
QUAD _____	
SERIES _____	
NEG. NO. _____	

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: July 31, 1984
P. O. BOX 590

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
- STREET LOCATION: 57 Robie St.
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Virginia Monahan ADDRESS: 57 Robie
- USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

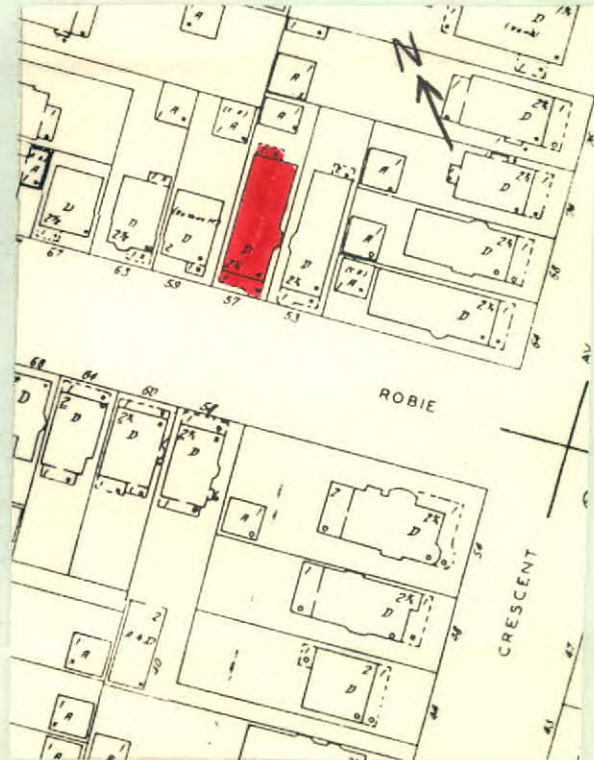
DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: aluminum siding
- 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 _____
- CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known):
Remodeled into 4 family in 1942
First floor window remodeled

12. PHOTO: 30-24a



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: trees 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 standard sized 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 and a half story American Four Square form. Hip roof. Left bay first floor has glass paneled door. Aluminum hood. First floor has tri-part window, center single-light flanked by single-light casements. Second floor has two boxed bays. Paired double hung 1/1 windows. Hip roof dormer has paired double-hung 1/1 windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1905

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A simplified American Four Square. Robie Street extends from Parkside Avenue to Main Street. Located in the center of the first section of the Parkside subdivision to be developed, on lands owned by Jacob Davis, Robie Street was deeded to the city in December 1887. Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside" show a street angling from Humboldt to Parkside Avenue; however when Robie Street was laid out, it paralleled Humboldt Avenue. The street nevertheless still followed Olmsted's plan to have short cross streets in the subdivision, giving residence easy access to main thoroughfares and the park.

21. SOURCES: City Tax Assessor Field Sheets
 Buffalo City Atlas, 1894, updated 1909
 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).

American Four Square