

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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| UNIQUE SITE NO. <u>5871</u> | |
| QUAD _____ | |
| SERIES _____ | |
| NEG. NO. _____ | |

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: August 13, 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: 29 Elam Pl
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Mary Geraci ADDRESS: 29 Elam Place
- USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

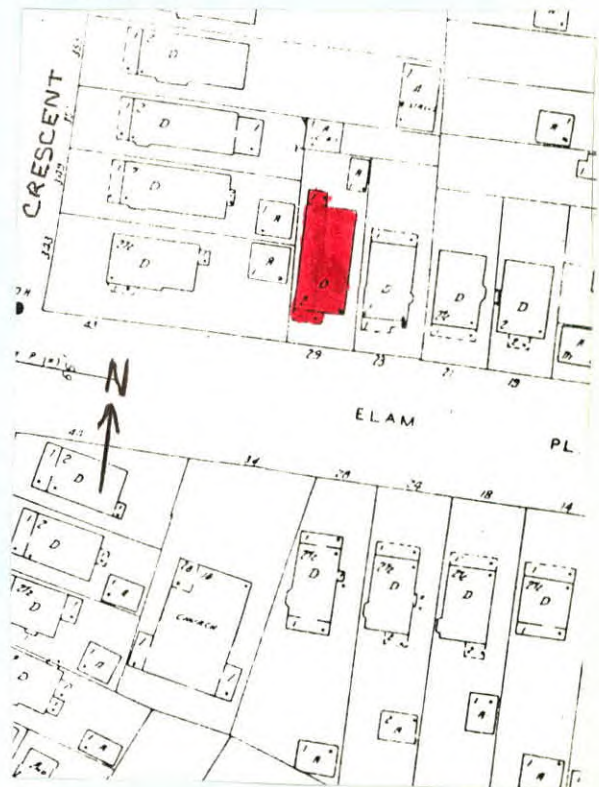
DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: vinyl 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): _____

12. PHOTO: 42-31a



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 standard sized lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is located four blocks from Delaware Park, which was designed by Olmsted and is listed on the National Register, and east of the Zoo.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):
 Two and a half story American Four Square. Hip roof with extending eaves. Partial width flat roof porch. Paired square end Doric supports. Stick balustrade. Entablature with extending cornice. Lighted double sash porch doors with 12-light sidelights. Right bay first floor has hip roof entrance hood. Bracket supports. Doric pilaster strips flank entrance. Second floor right bay has double hung 1/1 windows.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1923

ARCHITECT: Plain window surround. Left bay has double sash, lighted porch doors with 12-light sidelights. Hip
 BUILDER: roof dormer has three 3/3 windows. Lighted double-sash front porch doors with 12-light sidelights.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A typical American Four Square with Colonial Revival styling. Elam Place, a one-block street between Crescent Avenue and Greenfield Street just north of Jewett Parkway, is located on the lands of Elam R. Jewett and was named after him. It was deeded to the city by his widow in 1889. A similar street appears on Olmsted's 1870's maps of "The Parkside," although that street was angled to connect Greenfield with the intersection of Crescent and Jewett. Elam Place also follows 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
 Charles E. Beveridge & David Schuyler, eds. (1983).
22. THEME: American Four Square/ Colonial Revival Styling