

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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| UNIQUE SITE NO. | 029-40-5427 DO7 |
| QUAD | _____ |
| SERIES | _____ |
| NEG. NO. | _____ |

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: July 16, 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 Oakwood Pl.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Jon Verby ADDRESS: 56 West Oakwood
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

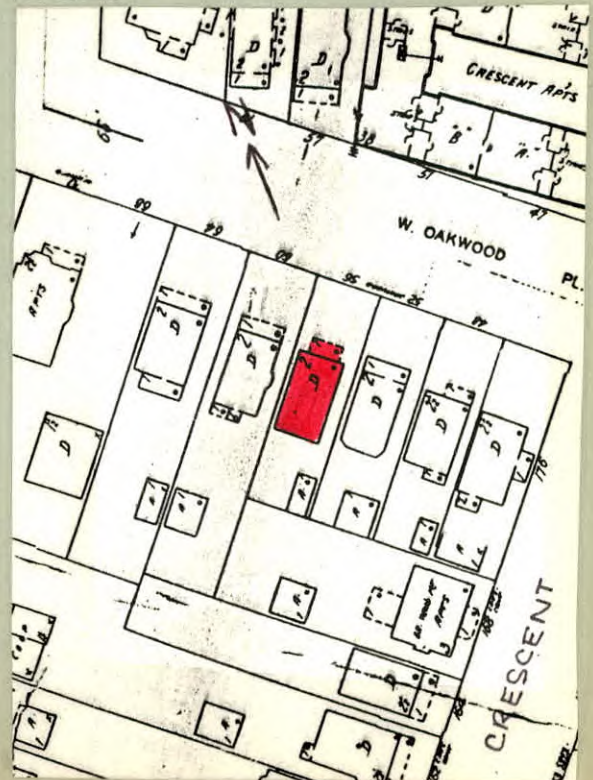
DESCRIPTION

- 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: 37-0a



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: large 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 corner lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is located three 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. Low-hip roof with exposed rafter tails and curvilinear brackets under extending eave. Partial width flat-roof porch. Brackets under eave. End pier supports. Diamond shaped glass lights in wood paneled door. First floor single-hung windows, 8/1 lights. Entablature window surround.

SIGNIFICANCE Clapboard first floor. Band course. Second floor

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1907 end bays have single-hung windows, 8/1 lights. Center

ARCHITECT: small square 4-light window. Entablature window surrounds. Stucco second floor. Hip roof dormer

BUILDER: with exposed rafter tails under extending eave. Three-light rectangular window.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: An American Four Square with Colonial Revival and Craftsman styling. West Oakwood Place extends from Main Street to Parkside Avenue. At the northern border of the first section of the subdivision to be developed, the eastern portion of West Oakwood was deeded to the city by Jacob Davis in 1887 and the remainder by Caroline Jewett in 1888. West Oakwood closely resembles a street found in Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside." While it does not connect with Jewett Avenue at the park entrance as Olmsted originally planned, it remains curvilinear and as a cross street provides easy access to the main thoroughfares and the park.

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).

American Four Square