

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 4831
 QUAD _____
 SERIES _____
 NEG. NO. _____

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YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: February 3, 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: 34 Crescent Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Laura Ryan ADDRESS: 34 Crescent
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

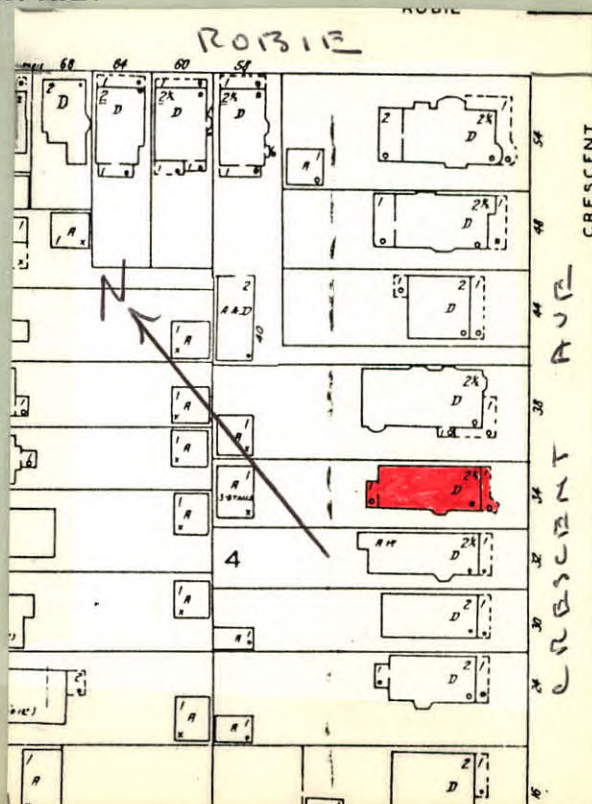
DESCRIPTION

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):
Wrought iron supports replace original porch posts

12. PHOTO: 9-25a & 30-0a



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: shrubs and large tree 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):
Queen Anne with cantilevered third-story gable with Palladian window and three patterns of shaped wood shingles. South elevation has a gambrel roof gable with patterned shingles above a two-story window bay. A unique feature is the second story oriel window which emerges from the roof as part of an octagonal tower capped with a sectioned metal dome and "mortar board" termination.
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1896 The tower has a pedimented window, panels of patterned shingles and classical cornice. Irregularity reflected in plan and roof of porch.
- SIGNIFICANCE
- ARCHITECT: _____
- BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: An exceptionally fine example of Queen Anne complexities embellishing what is otherwise a typical house plan. Crescent Avenue is the longest curvilinear street in the Parkside subdivision, stretching from Humboldt Avenue to Colvin Street. This street appears on Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside." By the 1880's plans for Crescent Avenue had been modified by Olmsted to its current form. Portions of the street were deeded to the city by five different owners over a span of five years, beginning in 1887 near Humboldt and ending in 1892 near Colvin. Crescent Avenue begins and ends within the Parkside subdivision, following Olmsted's rule that a suburban neighborhood street "not lead with special directness toward the town."

21. SOURCES: City Tax Assessor Field Sheets
County Census, 1905
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:

Queen Anne