

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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 029-40- 5879  
 UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: July 25, 1984  
 P. O. BOX 590

YOUR ADDRESS: BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14205-0590 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
3. STREET LOCATION: 101 Florence Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: W.B. Ferguson ADDRESS: 101 Florence
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

**DESCRIPTION**

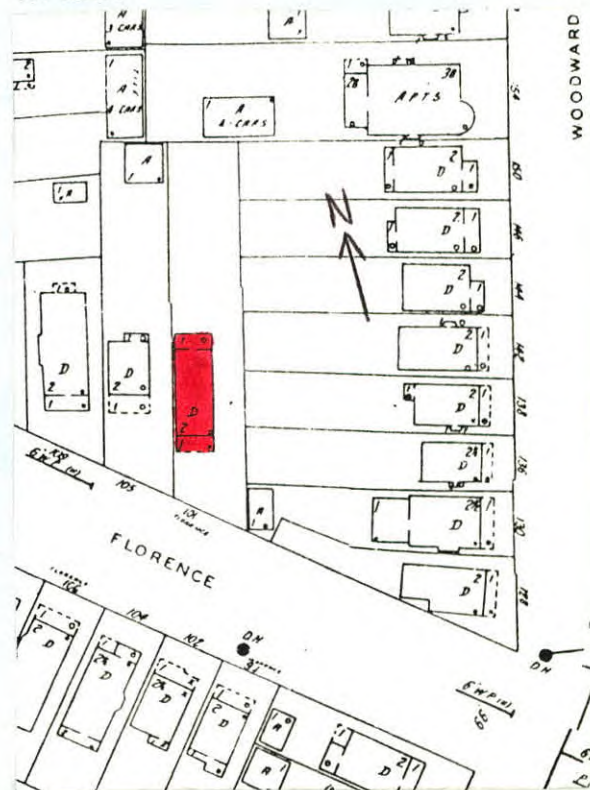
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
 e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
 (if known) b. wood frame with light members   
 c. masonry load bearing walls   
 d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: 37-31a



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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 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 one block 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 with exposed rafter tails under extending eaves. Full-width hip roof porch. Extending eaves. Shingled base, rail and square supports. Lighted door with 3/4 length leaded sidelights. First floor tri-part window double-hung 1/1 lights. Second floor end bays

SIGNIFICANCE have two sets paired double-hung windows with horizontal and vertical bands in top

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1912  
ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_  
light. Hip roof dormer with exposed rafter tails under extending eave. Paired double-hung windows with diamond tracery in top light.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A simplified version of the American Four Square. Florence Avenue extends from Main Street to Parkside Avenue, paralleling Robie Street. Located within the first section of the Parkside subdivision to be developed, Florence Avenue was deeded to the city by Jacob Davis in 1887. Although Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside" show a street angling from the intersection of Main and Humboldt to Parkside Avenue, when it was finally developed Florence Avenue was modified to parallel Humboldt Avenue. It nevertheless still followed 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  
22. THEME: Charles E. Beveridge & David Schuyler, eds. (1983).

American Four Square