

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 028-40 5504 DO7  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: July 3, 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: 51 Russell Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Kathleen Hughes ADDRESS: 51 Russell
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

DESCRIPTION

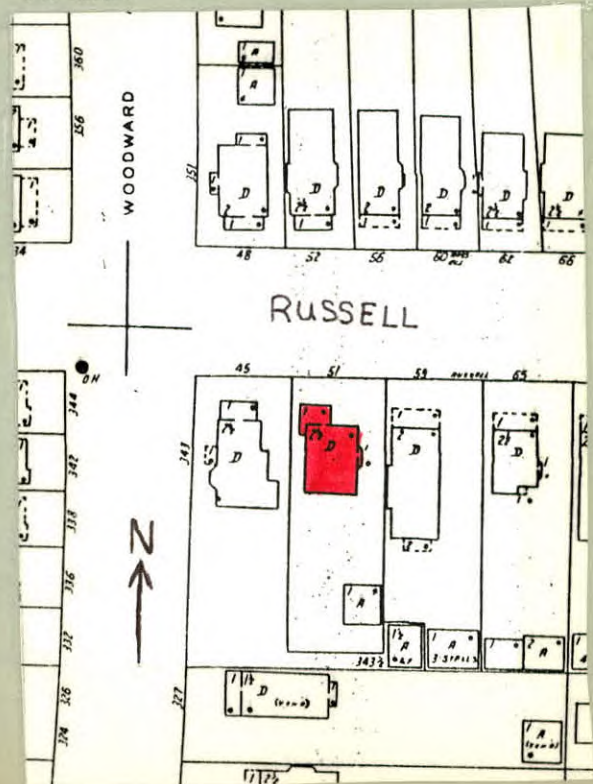
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
(if known) b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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: 30-14a



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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: 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 two 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 with Queen Anne styling. Steep-pitched side gable roof. Partial width cross gabled porch roof. Paneled square corner supports. Ancone brackets under cornice. Decorative shingles in tympanum. Angled center bay has glass and wood paneled door flanked on one side by square multi-light window. Left first floor bay has single hung, single light window.

SIGNIFICANCE

Entablature window head.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1891

Clapboard first floor.

ARCHITECT: Second floor has paired double hung 1/1 windows, flanked by single 1/1 window. Shingled second floor.

BUILDER: Cross gabled dormer, shingled. Two double-hung 1/1 windows. Plain window surround.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Simplified form of Queen Anne style which retains asymmetrical form and use of different building materials. Russell Avenue extends from Parkside Avenue to Greenfield Street. It was laid out in a map of 1886, paralleling the northern border of the lands of Washington Russell, after whom the street was named. However it was early 1889 before Russell Avenue was deeded to the city. While this particular street does not appear in Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside," Olmsted felt cross streets would allow easy access to major thoroughfares and to the park, and he did include similar cross streets such as Jewett Avenue in his early plans.

21. SOURCES: City Tax Assessor Field Sheets

Buffalo Address Book, 1892

Olmsted's Sketch Map of Buffalo, 1876

The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted, Vol. III, by

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Queen Anne