

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
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UNIQUE SITE NO. 4785

QUAD \_\_\_\_\_

SERIES \_\_\_\_\_

NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: May 25, 1983

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: 1384 Amherst St.

4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private

5. PRESENT OWNER: David A. Roycroft ADDRESS: 1384 Amherst St.

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: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
e. other \_\_\_\_\_

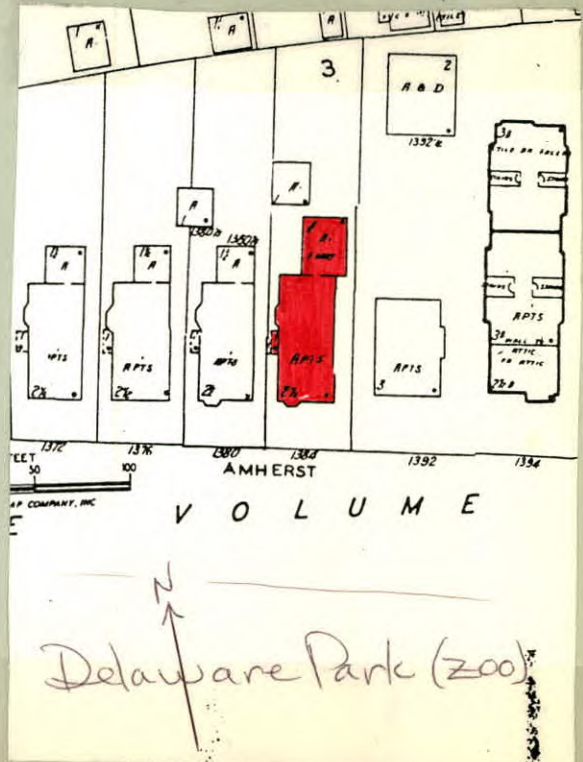
10. CONDITION: a. excellent  b. good  c. fair  d. deteriorated

11. INTEGRITY: a. original site  b. moved  if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

12. PHOTO: 17-10a



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: small 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 building lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is directly opposite Delaware Park which was designed by FLO and is listed on the National Register. A dense grove of trees and the Buffalo Zoo are across the street from this property.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

Two story frame apartment building. Gable roof with two gabled dormers on the west side. Windows in gable and dormers are double hung single pane windows. Two diagonal braces under front gable. Two story bay towards the rear of the west facade and on the west side of the front facade. All windows are double hung single pane windows. Entrance on west side of building has a shed roofed overdoor. Brick foundation.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1915

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

One on seven two story apartment buildings on the section of Amherst St. between Colvin and Parkside. This section of Amherst Street, between Colvin and Parkside, was conceived by FLO around 1873 as part of a residential "suburb" adjacent to Delaware Park. This suburb was called "The Parkside" by Olmsted and appears on an 1876 map drawn by him as a proposed area of curved winding streets on the north and east sides of the park. This section of Amherst St. was actually created by the City of Buffalo in 1875 when Amherst St. was extended from Delaware Ave. to Main St.. The street follows Olmsted's original plan maintaining the picturesque character that he envisioned for the streets surrounding the park.

21. SOURCES: Buffalo City Atlas 1894, 1915  
Sandborn Map 1916  
Buffalo Index to Streets @ 1896  
FLO's original map for "Parkside"

22. THEME:  
Apartment Building