

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 029-40 547c 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): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 56 Russell Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Leo Poirier ADDRESS: 56 Russell
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

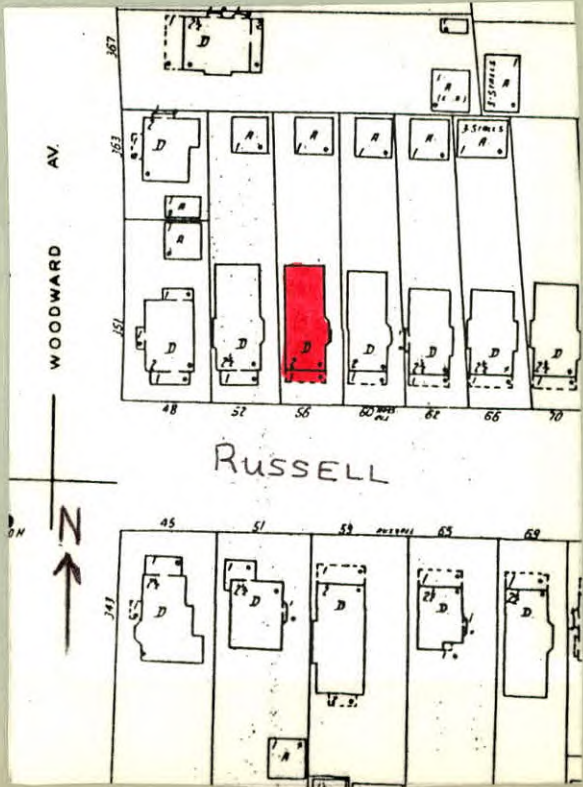
DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
 e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: asbestos siding
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: 39-7a



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 American Four Square. Hip roof. Full-width flat roof porch. Eave overhang. Rough cut, regular course stone base. Square Doric supports. Upper porch stick balustrade. Projecting entrance has glass paneled door flanked on one side by rectangular leaded window. First floor paired double hung 1/1 light windows. Second floor semi-hexagonal bay. Double hung 1/1 windows. Plain window and

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1908
ARCHITECT: paneled porch door. Hip roof dormer has two rectangular windows with diamond shaped tracery.
BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A typical American Four Square residence. 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 Building Permit Records
Buffalo Address Book, 1909
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: American Four Square