

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 029-40 4836 DO7
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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: 54 Crescent Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Samuel De Perro ADDRESS: 54 Crescent
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

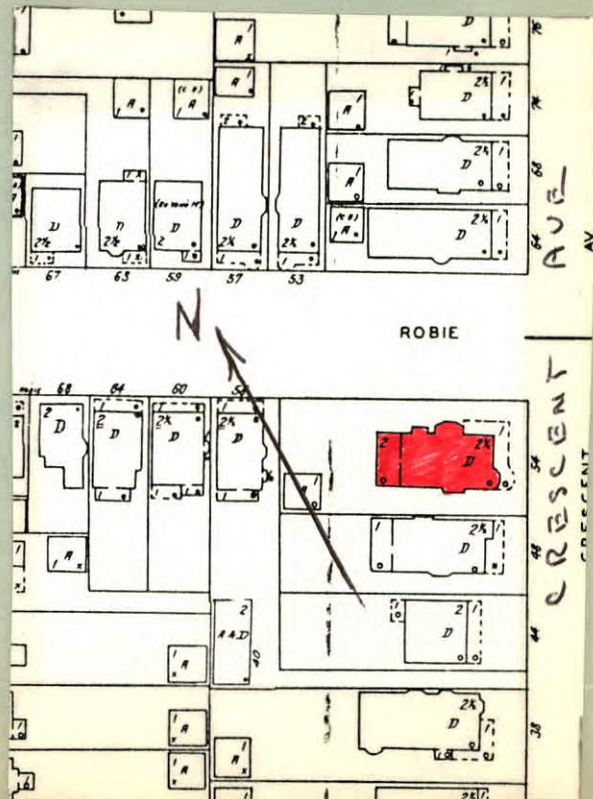
DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: asbestos siding
- 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):
Remodeled into 2 family in 1940

12. PHOTO: 9-21a



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 trees 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 corner 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 large wrap-around porch. Gable has palladian window with vertical accent, fluted ionic pilasters, and leaded glass fan light. Extraordinary oval leaded glass window has carved wood cresting of ribbons and leaves. North facade has octagonal tower with iron finial. Tall ribbed chimneys with SIGNIFICANCE wrought iron stays and three original clay chimney pots.
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1895

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: 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 Building Permit Records
 City Tax Assessor Field Sheets
 Olmsted's Sketch Map of Buffalo, 1876
 The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted, Vol. III, by Charles
 22. THEME: E. Beveridge & David Schuyler, eds. (1983).

Queen Anne