

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 5290  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMTED PARKS DATE: JAN 10 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: 137 Parkside Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Elizabeth Fornes ADDRESS: 137 Parkside Avenue
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

DESCRIPTION

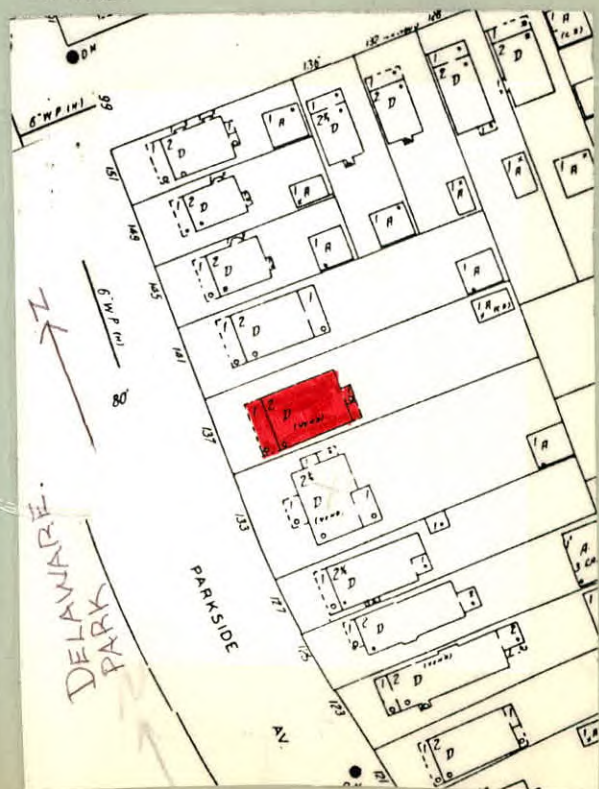
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
(if known) b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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: 13 - 5



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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  
 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 city building lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is directly opposite Delaware Park which was designed by Olmsted and is listed on the National Register.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
 Two story American Four Square with Colonial Revival styling. Hipped roof with hipped dormers. Six light over single pane windows on the second floor. Side entranceway is flanked by doric pilasters. Open porch on street facade with doric columns. House has a brick veneer.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1915  
 ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:  
 Typical example of the American Four Square with Colonial styling that was built in this neighborhood. This house is located on Parkside Avenue, a street 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. Parkside Avenue was actually created by the City of Buffalo in 1888. The street very closely follows Olmsted's original plan maintaining the picturesque character that he envisioned for the streets surrounding the park.

21. SOURCES: Buffalo City Atlas 1915  
 Sanborn Map 1916

22. THEME: American Four Square