

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO.	<u>029-40</u> <u>SUS2</u> <u>DO7</u>
QUAD	_____
SERIES	_____
NEG. NO.	_____

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ORGANIZATION (if any): City of Buffalo - Division of Planning

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 79 Tillinghast Pl.
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Murry A. Yost, Jr. ADDRESS: 79 Tillinghast Place, Bflo
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain By Permission

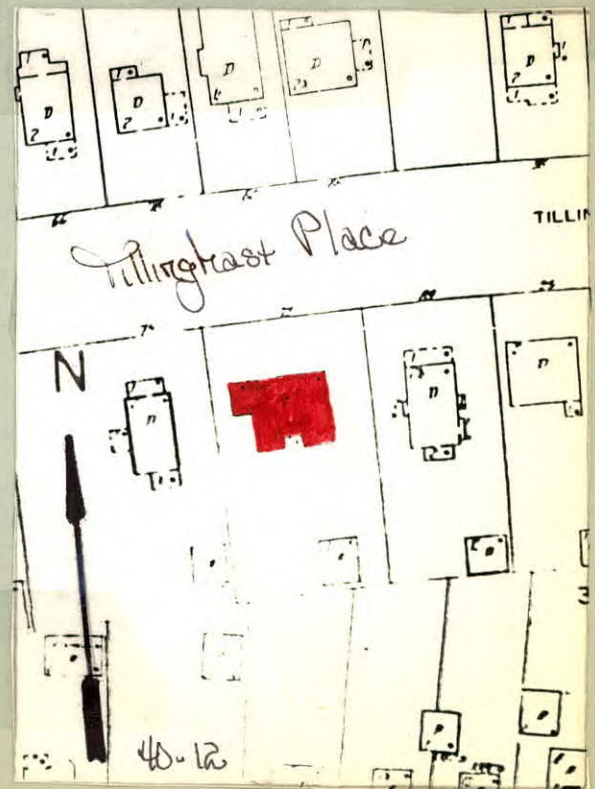
**DESCRIPTION**

- 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: 40-12a



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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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)

The building is located in the center of a long, curvilinear east-west block, situated on a standard size building lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. Single family residences with moderated size front lawns line the street. The grounds of the Buffalo Zoological Society are located one block to the south.

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

Two and one half story Colonial Revival style with Adamesque details. Side gabled roof with end cornice returns. Stylized Palladian dormer window. Pedimented entrance surround. Paneled wood door with sidelights and elliptical fanlight. Paired square-headed 8/1 windows on first floor. Entablature window head. Second floor paired square-headed 6/6 windows with recessed panel decorated with Adamesque elliptical medallion design. 8/1 second floor windows. Shutters. Gabled bay on east side.

- SIGNIFICANCE** Dentil belt course.  
 19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1920

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

BUILDER: Oscar H. Giesecke

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This Colonial Revival Style residence was built by and for Oscar H. Giesecke, who owned a building company that built hundreds of homes on the Niagara Frontier. His concern O.H. Giesecke Building Co., built homes in Kensington, Cheektowaga, Amherst, Tonawanda and the Amherst areas. The street reflects Olmsted's philosophy regarding roadways within a subdivision; the street is a broad, long roadway "with no special directness toward the town." The street's picturesque character is a plan Olmsted envisioned for the roadways surrounding the Park. The street takes its name from James Tillinghast, owner of the property up until July 15, 1889, when it was conveyed to George L. Thorne and Byron Angell, to be subdivided for residential use. The subdivision named "Meadow View Park" carried restrictive covenants in its deeds of sale.

21. SOURCES: Buffalo Evening News April 13, 1964. pg. 26. Obit.  
 Sandborn Insurance Map 1916, 1925  
 Deed-Liber 575, Page 143; Conveyance with restrictive covenants  
The Letters of Frederick Law Olmsted Vol III, Pg. 265

22. THEME:  
 Residential architecture associated with Parkside development  
 Colonial Revival Style