

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 5583 **DO7**  
 QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMDSTED PARKS DATE: April 23, 1984  
P. O. BOX 590  
 YOUR ADDRESS: BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14205-0590 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ORGANIZATION (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Barton House  
 2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. STREET LOCATION: 118 Summit Ave  
 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private  448 W. 20th St.  
 5. PRESENT OWNER: Eric Larrabee ADDRESS: New York, NY 10011  
 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential  
 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

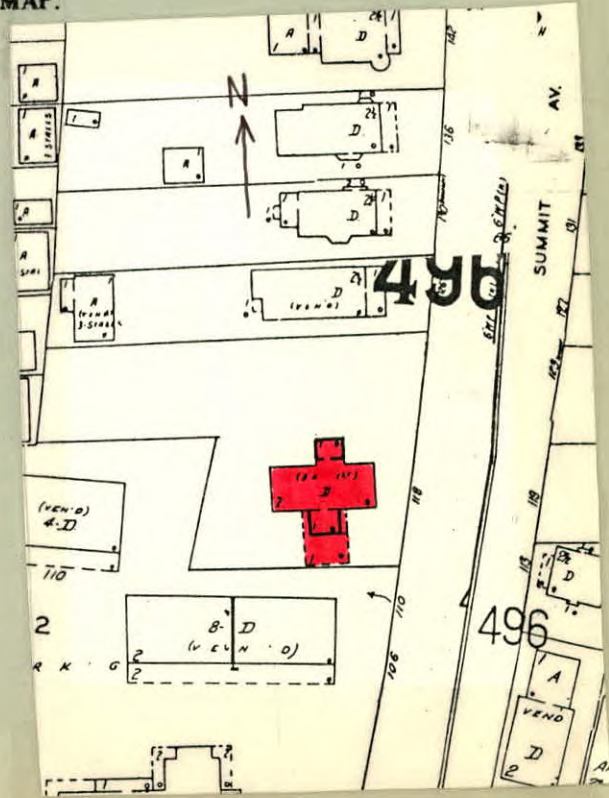
**DESCRIPTION**

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: 34-18a



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: 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 east of the Zoo.

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

Two story 'T' shaped plan Prairie style. Low pitched hip roof with extending eaves. Two story section containing principal living areas intersected at right angles by single story porch and kitchen element. The building is primarily a braced wood frame structure faced with Roman brick. Deeply carved first floor windows. Band course. Horizontal band of windows at second floor.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1904
- ARCHITECT: Frank Lloyd Wright
- BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_
- 'Tree of Life' stained glass windows. Stucco second floor. Porch piers are load bearing. Wood paneled door with sidelights.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: An excellent example of a Wright Prairie style residence. It is the best preserved Wright interior in Buffalo. Summit Avenue is a truncated north-south street, located between Woodward and Crescent Avenues and extending from West Oakwood Place to the northern section of Crescent Avenue. A similar street, ending south of Jewett Avenue, appears in Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside." Summit Avenue was deeded to the city in 1889, except for the small section between Amherst and Crescent which was deeded in 1892. This street follows Olmsted's rule that it "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 E. Beveridge & David Schuyler, eds. (1983).
22. THEME:

Prairie

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Summit

1. Name (Common and Historic) F. L. Wright house

Location 2. Erie 3. Summit 4. Buffalo  
County Town Village or City

5. Address or Location <sup>118</sup> Summit Avenue near Jewett Parkway

6. Type House 7. Subject or Theme architecture

8. Date of Construction 1905 9. Architect (If Known) Wright

10. Builder (If known) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Original Owner \_\_\_\_\_

12. Original Use Residence

13. Present Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Address

14. Present Use Residence

15. Physical Condition Good

Sound residential neighborhood, adjacent to Wright's Martin house.

16. Surveys \_\_\_\_\_

17. Future Action \_\_\_\_\_

18. Surveyed by W. H. Glover O. W. Shelgren Jr. Oct. 1967  
Date Surveyed

History and Significance: Smaller example of Wright's prairie style,  
Built of brick and stucco.

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Wright house on Summit Avenue, Buffalo: included because Wright's work is denoted as worth recording in the instructions, there is no historical association worth recording. It is now owned by Eric Larabee, formerly on the staff of American Heritage and now a University administrator, but this is not suggested as historically important.

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Sources of Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Photograph: Date

Direction of View

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Oct. 1967

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Map Location:  
GS Coordinates

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