

# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 029-40-4790 007  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

## IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. STREET LOCATION: 1474 Amherst St  
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒  
5. PRESENT OWNER: Thomas R. Shelby ADDRESS: 1474 Amherst Street  
6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence  
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: 42-1a

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)

This building is located on a standard size building lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision, surrounded by 20th century vernacular architectural styles. The east-west thoroughfare intersects with Parkside Avenue to the west. The grounds of the Buffalo Zoological Society are located to the west.

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

Two and one half story American Four Square. Hip roof with flared eaves and exposed rafter tails. Hip roof porch has exposed rafter tails, square supports, stick balustrade. Square-headed windows 1/1 lights on first and second floor. Small rectangular single light window over porch on second floor. Hip roof dormer with flared eaves. Tri-partite 1/1 window.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

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

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Typical American Four Square. Amherst Street, originally known as Ferry Street, was a pre-existing street incorporated into Olmsted's parkside subdivision with restrictive residential development. The land was conveyed to George L. Thorne and Byron Angell by James Tillinghast and the Buffalo Cement Co, in July 1889 to be subdivided for residential use. The subdivision named "Meadow View Park" carried restrictive covenants in its deeds of sale and stipulated that the dwellings be of "tasteful design."

21. SOURCES: Atlas of the City of Buffalo. 1894, 1915.

Deed - Liber 575 Page 142: Conveyance

"Olmsted Sketch Map-showing the relation of the Park System to the City." 1876

22. THEME:

Residential architecture associated with Parkside development  
American Four Square