

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 029-40-4797 007
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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

IDENTIFICATION

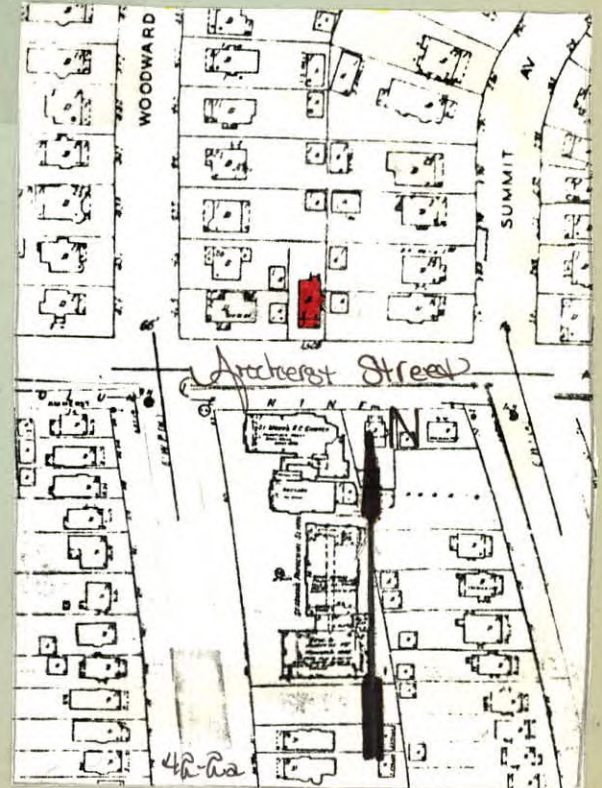
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- 2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 1508 Amherst ST
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Helen Benson ADDRESS: 1508 Amherst St., Bflo
- 6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior 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: Siding
- 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: 42-2a

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 residential 20th century vernacular architectural styles. The east-west thoroughfare intersects with Parkside Avenue to the west, and the grounds of the Buffalo Zoological Society.

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

Two and one half story simplified Colonial Revival Style. Gable roof with front hip extension. Brackets under eave, paired at building ends. Hip roof dormer with square-headed 1/1 windows, paired. Hip roof full-length porch with pedimented entrance. Doric column supports. Brackets under pediment's cornice. Tympanum decorated with musical emblem. Glass paneled door. Second floor has a set of semi-hexagonal bay windows, square-headed 1/1 windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____ 1906 _____

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The building illustrates the vernacular adaptation of the Colonial Revival Style. Amherst Street, originally known as Ferry Street, was extended from Delaware Avenue to Main Street in 1875. The street follows Olmsted's original plan for the Parkside subdivision as seen in the 1876 Sketch Map of the Park System. 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 deed 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
 Colonial Revival Style