

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 5392 3 DO7
 QUAD _____
 SERIES _____
 NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: June 5, 1984
 P. O. BOX 590

YOUR ADDRESS: BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14205-0590 TELEPHONE: _____

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 2290 Main St
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Aron Letsou ADDRESS: 2290 Main Street
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Commercial/Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

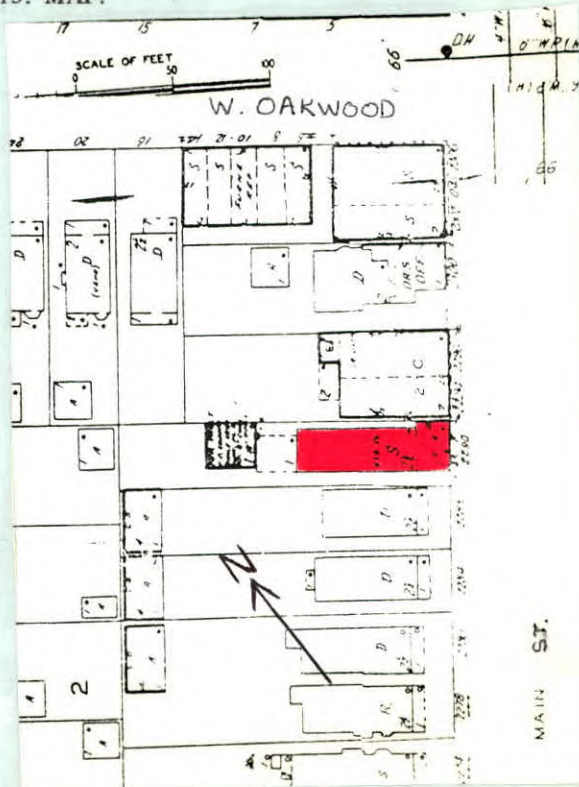
DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
 e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: asbestos
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: 29-15a



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: tree in front
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 lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is located three blocks from Delaware Park, which was designed by Olmsted and is listed on the National Register, and southeast of the Zoo.

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

Two and a half story frame residence with one-story frame addition; brick facing. Residence has side gable roof. Second floor gabled through-the-cornice dormer, cornice end return. Boxed flat roof bay. Pair 1/1 double hung windows. Dormer has two double hung 1/1 windows. Cornice window head. Hip roof dormer has single hung window. Diamond-shaped tracery in top

- SIGNIFICANCE**
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1902 light. One story flat roof wing projects from residence

ARCHITECT: first floor. South end bay has recessed entrance.
Three light wood door with two-light transom.

BUILDER: Commercial glass front of 4 single lights. Moulded surround. Aluminum shed roof.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The conversion of a residential structure to a commercial use by a street-front addition is typical of many houses situated on Main Street. Originally the Buffalo and Williamsville Macadam Road, Main Street was a pre-existing street at the time Olmsted designated it as the eastern border for "The Parkside." While the streets within the subdivision were designed specifically to avoid commercial development, this portion of Main Street became a combination of commercial and residential structures. It was also a major thoroughfare into the city, allowing easy access to downtown from this suburban neighborhood.

21. SOURCES: Buffalo Address Book, 1904
County Census Records, 1905
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: Residence/ Commercial