

# BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 5541  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMDST 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): \_\_\_\_\_
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
3. STREET LOCATION: 147 Summit Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Susan Seymour ADDRESS: 147 Summit
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐  
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

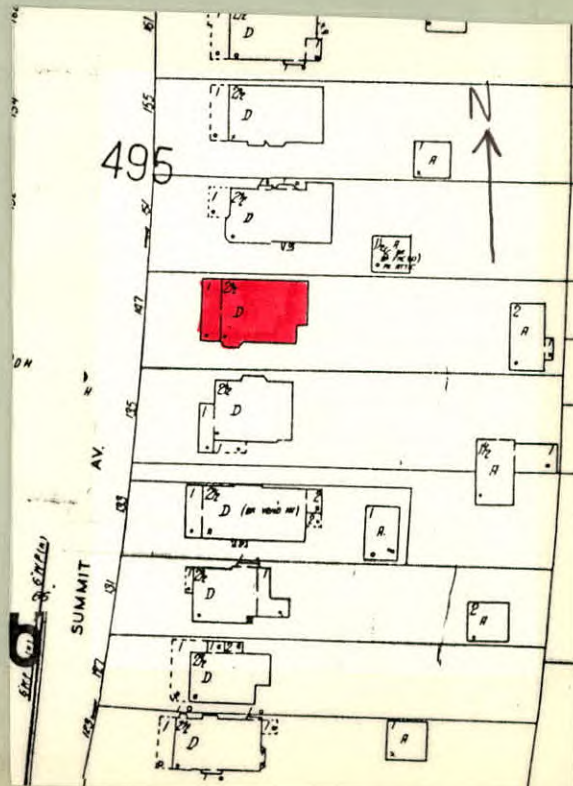
## DESCRIPTION

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: 26-8a



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: small trees and shrubs 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 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 and a half story frame residence with side gable roof. Flared eaves with exposed rafter tails. Full-width hip roof porch has square supports with flared capitals. Exposed rafter tails under eave. Stick balustrade. Glass paneled door. First floor 1/1 window with leaded sidelights. Clapboard first floor. Second floor small rectangular 1/1 window flanked by

**SIGNIFICANCE** 8/1 windows. Shingle

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1909  
second floor. Semi-  
ARCHITECT: hexagonal two-story corner bay with roof. 1/1  
first floor windows, 6/1 second floor windows.  
BUILDER: Double cross-gable dormer. Bargeboard decorated  
with sawtooth motif and modillion blocks Two 1/1  
windows.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The frame, gable residence utilizes standard Prairie School clapboard and shingles and Craftsman exposed rafter tails and styling. 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: Buffalo City Atlas, 1894, updated 1909  
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