

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 029-40-4799 D07
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

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

IDENTIFICATION

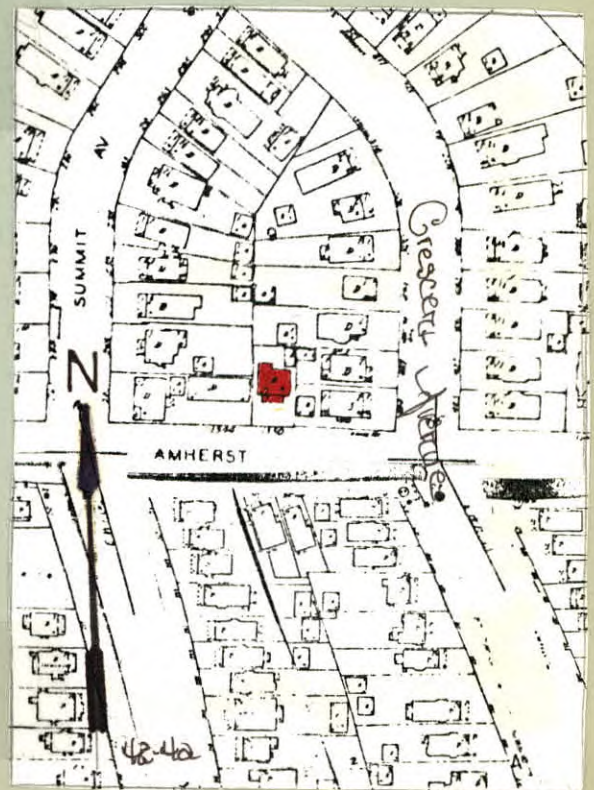
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- 2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 1550 Amherst St
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Ralph W. Gordon ADDRESS: 1550 Amherst Street, Bflo
- 6. USE: Original: Residence Present: Residence
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: 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: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints
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: 42-4a

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 residential vernacular architectural styles. The east-west street leads to the east entrance of the Buffalo Zoo, upon its intersection with Parkside Avenue.

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

Two and one half story with Colonial Revival detailing. Side gable roof with cornice end returns. Pedimented dormers with cornice end returns. Square-headed 3/1 windows. Hip roof entrance porch has square supports, stick balustrade. Paneled wood door with sidelights. Second story center paired square-headed 6/1 window flanked by 12/1 windows.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: _____ 1910 _____

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

The building is a vernacular adaptation of the Colonial Revival Style. Amherst Street, originally 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 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
 Colonial Revival Style