

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 4967  
 QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: February 3, 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: 103 Crescent Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Art McGinness ADDRESS: 103 Crescent
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

**DESCRIPTION**

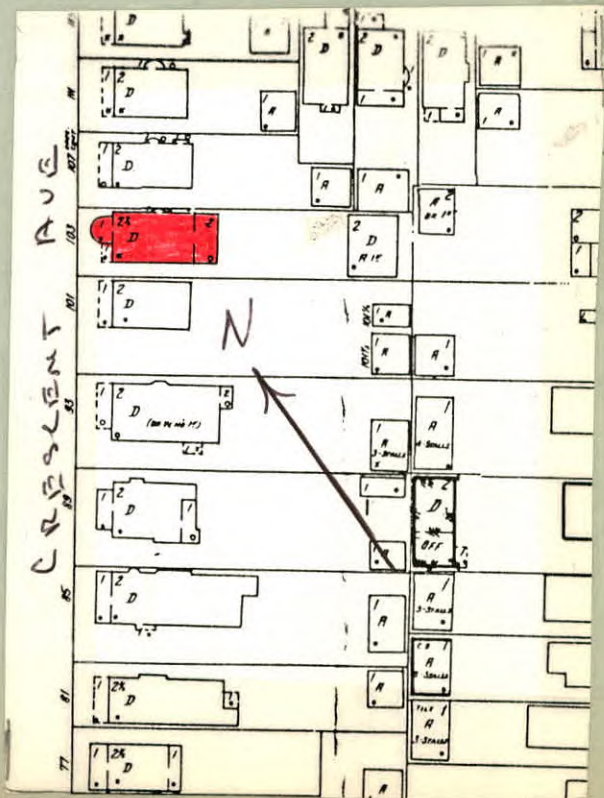
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
 e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
 (if known) b. wood frame with light members   
 c. masonry load bearing walls   
 d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: 11-13a



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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: trees 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 southeast of the Zoo.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
Hip roof Colonial Revival with a large pseudo-Romanesque projecting porch. Fluted ionic pilaster corner boards and pedimented gable dormers with laurel decoration related the house to many similar types in Parkside, but the ample high stone porch with its circular projection and repetitive windows with columnar mullions **SIGNIFICANCE** make it unique. Three distinctly different oriels ascend the south elevation.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1900

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

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: An outstanding variant of the Crescent Avenue hip roof Colonial Revival. Crescent Avenue is the longest curvilinear street in the Parkside subdivision, stretching from Humboldt Avenue to Colvin Street. This street appears on Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside." By the 1880's plans for Crescent Avenue had been modified by Olmsted to its current form. Portions of the street were deeded to the city by five different owners over a span of five years, beginning in 1887 near Humboldt and ending in 1892 near Colvin. Crescent Avenue begins and ends within the Parkside subdivision, following Olmsted's rule that a suburban neighborhood street "not lead with special directness toward the town."

21. SOURCES: City Building Permit Records  
City Tax Assessor Field Sheets  
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: Colonial Revival