

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 5590 DO7  
 QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED 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: 154 Summit Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Richard Lesniak ADDRESS: 154 Summit
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

**DESCRIPTION**

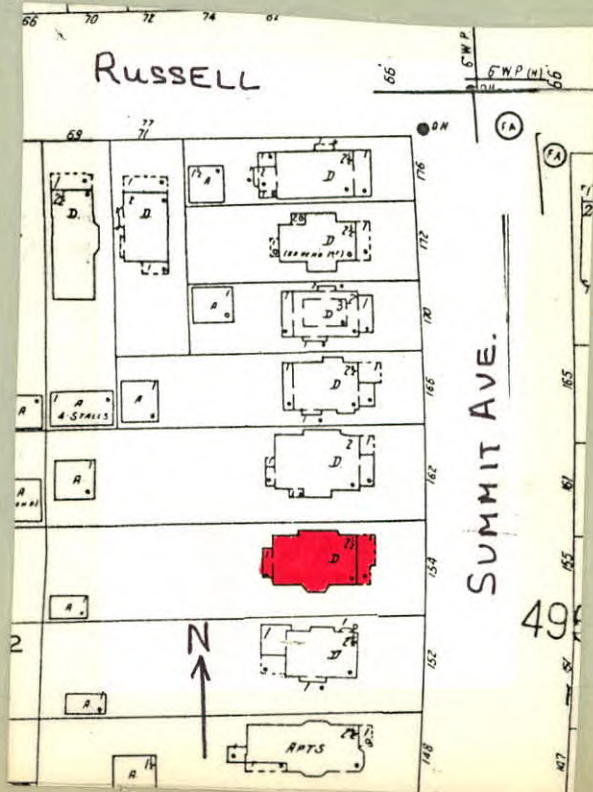
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
 e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
 (if known) b. wood frame with light members   
 c. masonry load bearing walls   
 d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: 27-24a



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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 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 gabled frame. Front facing gable roof. Full-width hip roof porch with pedimented gable over entrance. Paired Doric columns support entablature. Vine and leaf design in tympanum. Fish-scale shingled rail with partial spindle balustrade. Glass paneled door with entablature surround flanked on one side by 6/1 window. First floor three part 1/1 windows with center 8-light transom

SIGNIFICANCE  
 19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1903 flanked by 6-light transoms.

ARCHITECT: Semi-hexagonal bay on second floor, 1/1 lights. Entablature window surround. Fish-scale shingled

BUILDER: bowed second floor bay. 1/1 window. Doric end pilaster strips. Pedimented projecting gable with

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: fish-scale shingles. Shingles curve into recessed windows, paired, 1/1 lights. Arabesque design in top of gable.

A typical Colonial Revival style residence which shows strong influence from the Queen Anne and Shingle styles. 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:  
 City Tax Assessor Field Sheets  
 County Census Records, 1905  
 Olmsted's Sketch Map of Buffalo, 1876
22. THEME: The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted, Vol. III, by Charles E. Beveridge & David Schuyler, eds. (1983).

Colonial Revival