

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 020-40 340<sup>4</sup> **D07**  
 QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OL MSTED PARKS DATE: June 5, 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): Central Presbyterian Church
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
3. STREET LOCATION: 2434 Main St
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private  Main and Jewett
5. PRESENT OWNER: Central Presby. Ch. ADDRESS: Buffalo, NY 14214
6. USE: Original: Church Present: Church
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

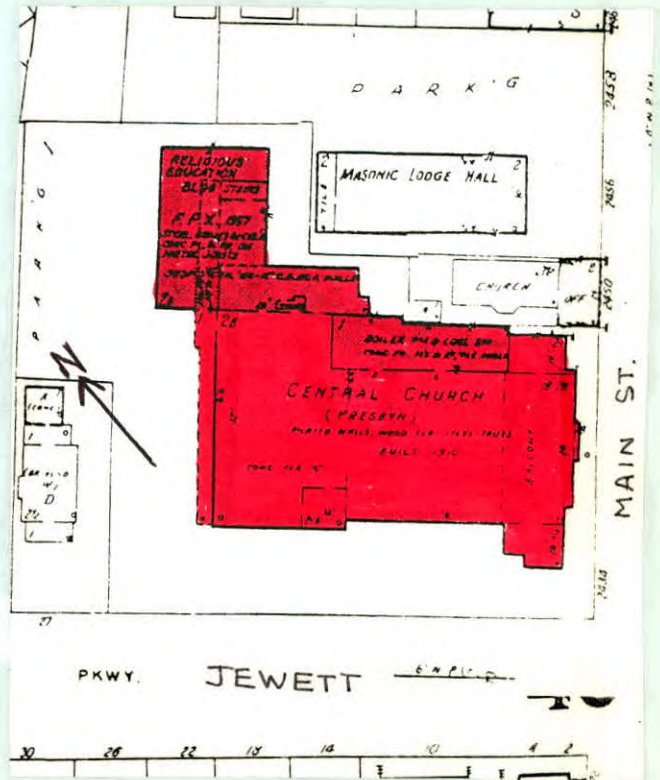
**DESCRIPTION**

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
 e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: ashlar
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) steel frame  
 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: 18-11a & 29-27a



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 and  
j. other: \_\_\_\_\_ south yards
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 very large city lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. Church is located four 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):

Gothic Revival Church in the 14th century English Decorated Gothic style. Rough cut irregular course stone with basement level of rough-cut regular course stone. East facade has traceried stained glass window enclosed within recessed Gothic arch of ashlar stone. Trefoil tracery. Mullions topped with crockets. Window leads to first floor gabled bay.

**SIGNIFICANCE** crockets. Window leads to first floor gabled bay.  
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1910; addition 1957 (cont.)  
(enlarged 1921)

ARCHITECT: Lansing and Beierl

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Find example of English Gothic Revival architecture. 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: City Building Permit Records  
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: English Gothic Revival



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18. (cont.) Traceried opaque glass window enclosed with recessed segmental arch. Paneled apron. Bay and Gothic arched window flanked by ashlar stone buttresses. Two set-backs. Tre-foiled panel decorated at its base with petalled flower motif. Buttress topped by gabled shaped heads. End of facade has corner buttresses with gabled heads. Parapet ends decorated with petalled flower motif. Southeast gabled entrance has 4 wood doors and tre-foil tracery transom enclosed within ogee arch capped by crocket. Stone enframement. Moulded stone door surround with perpendicular motif in spandrels. Gothic arched window with moulded stone window head has pair of tre-foil traceried windows topped by circular quatrifoil design. End buttress topped by gable heads. Stepped gable parapet. The side-aisle walls have Gothic arched windows. Tre-foil tracery. Buttresses with gable heads. Southwest corner has tower with crenalated parapet. String course. Below parapet corner buttresses is Gothic arched louvred windows. Moulded stone window head. Southeast trapept arm has Gothic arched three-part stained glass window. Tre-foil tracery.