

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 029-40 5497 DO7  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: July 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: 152 Russell Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: William Rohde ADDRESS: 152 Russell
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

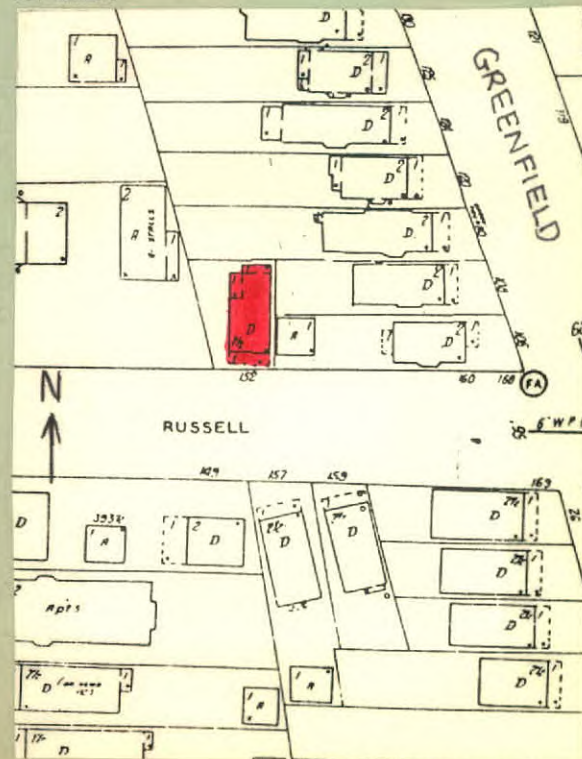
DESCRIPTION

- 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):  
Porch supports and balustrade altered

12. PHOTO: 38-24a



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: tree 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 small corner lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House 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):

One and a half story frame cottage residence. Front facing gable roof. Full-width flat-roof porch with eave overhang. Glass and wood paneled door. Left bay first floor has 4-part oriel with two bracket supports. 4 rectangular windows with diamond shape tracery. Gable has tri-part casement window, each single light. Fish-scale shingles in top of gable.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1915

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

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

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A plain frame workman's cottage. Russell Avenue extends from Parkside Avenue to Greenfield Street. It was laid out in a map of 1886, paralleling the northern border of the lands of Washington Russell, after whom the street was named. However it was early 1889 before Russell Avenue was deeded to the city. While this particular street does not appear in Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside," Olmsted felt cross streets would allow easy access to major thoroughfares and to the park, and he did include similar cross streets such as Jewett Avenue in his early plans.

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: Workman's Cottage