

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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NEW YORK STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLMSTED PARKS DATE: March 30, 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): Gardener's Cottage
- 2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 285 Woodward Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Peter Jakubowski ADDRESS: 285 Woodward
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

**DESCRIPTION**

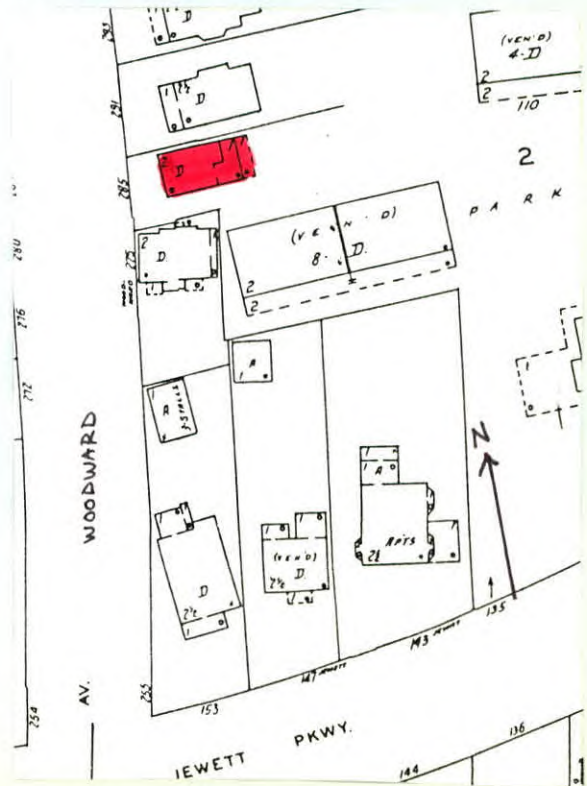
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard  b. stone  c. brick  d. board and batten   
e. cobblestone  f. shingles  g. stucco  other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints   
(if known) b. wood frame with light members   
c. masonry load bearing walls   
d. metal (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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):  
First story rear addition, 1948  
Upper story rear addition, 1956

12. PHOTO: 24-18a



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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: tree 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 corner lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is located one block 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 story Prairie style. Hip roof with projecting eaves, boxed center chimney. Tall rectangular panels at corner of building. Horizontal band of 4 windows with vertical linear leading on first and second floor. South side recessed entrances. Inside, the living room extends across the entire front of the house,

- SIGNIFICANCE** gathering light and a sense of spaciousness from sequences of windows on three sides. A fireplace suggests a fourth wall but allows space to extend deeper into the house on either side.
19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1909
- ARCHITECT: Frank Lloyd Wright
- BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Frank Lloyd Wright strove to open up the confining "box" of traditional American houses in his prairie house designs, but the gardener's cottage, made of wood and stucco, was so modest in size that a boxy configuration appears to have been inevitable. Nevertheless, Wright managed to create an illusion of the pier and cantilevel principle that characterized the Martin house by placing tall rectangular panels (or pseudo-piers) at each corner of the building. Woodward Avenue runs parallel to Parkside Avenue and extends from Humboldt Avenue to the northwest portion of Crescent Avenue. This street appears on Olmsted's early 1870's maps of "The Parkside," although it is less curvilinear than originally planned. Portions of Woodward

21. SOURCES: City Building Permit Records (cont.)  
 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)  
 Buffalo Architecture: A Guide (MIT Press, 1981).

Prairie School

285 Woodward  
Gardener's Cottage

20. cont.

Avenue (originally called Davis Avenue) were deeded to the city by five different owners between 1887 and 1892; except for the section north of Amherst, this was done when comparable sections of Crescent Avenue were deeded. Following Olmsted's rule for a suburban street, Woodward Avenue does "not lead with special directness toward town."