

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 4882	
QUAD _____	
SERIES _____	
NEG. NO. _____	

YOUR NAME: BUFFALO FRIENDS OF OLIVESTED PARKS DATE: February 3, 1984
 P. O. BOX 590

YOUR ADDRESS: BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14205-0590 TELEPHONE: _____

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

- BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
- STREET LOCATION: 338-340 Crescent Ave
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- PRESENT OWNER: Doris Hasler ADDRESS: 338-340 Crescent
- USE: Original: Apartments Present: Apartments
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

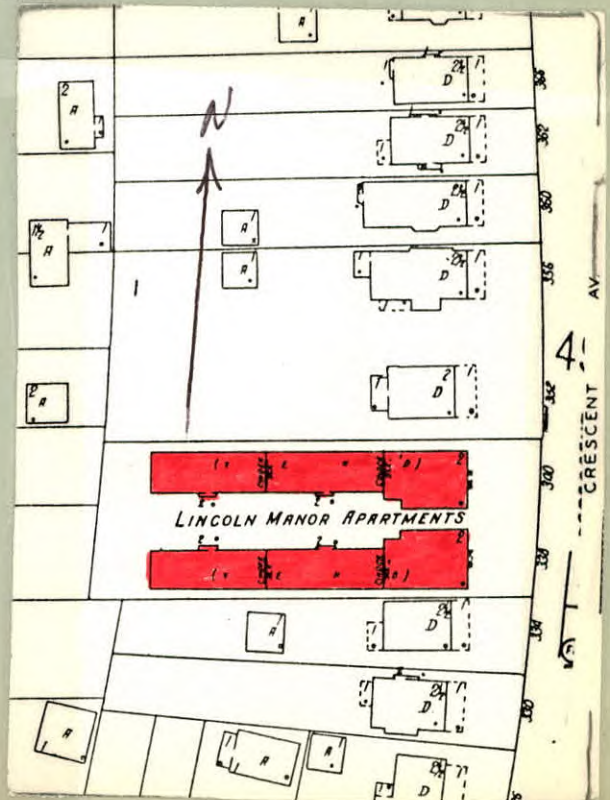
DESCRIPTION

- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
 e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: tile roof
- 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 _____
- CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
 c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO: 26-0a



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)

Buildings are situated on a large-sized lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. Apartments are located three 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 two-story Italian Renaissance style apartment complexes. Flat-top hip roof with red ceramic tiles. Symmetrical facade. Entrance accented by doric pilasters supporting entablature. Frieze decorated by swag motifs. 15-light door with 10-light sidelights. Cellar level has paired 3-light windows with relieving arch. First and second floor three-part windows in end bays, 6/1

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1929
ARCHITECT: first floor. Center second floor round arched window with relieving arch and keystone. Semi-circular fan light over 6/1 window. Window shutters.
BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A good example of Italian Renaissance styling applied to a pair of apartment complexes. 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 Tax Assessor Field Sheets
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: Italian Renaissance