

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. 4892
 QUAD _____
 SERIES _____
 NEG. NO. _____

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

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

ORGANIZATION (if any): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 400 Crescent Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Stanley Vodraska ADDRESS: 400 Crescent
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

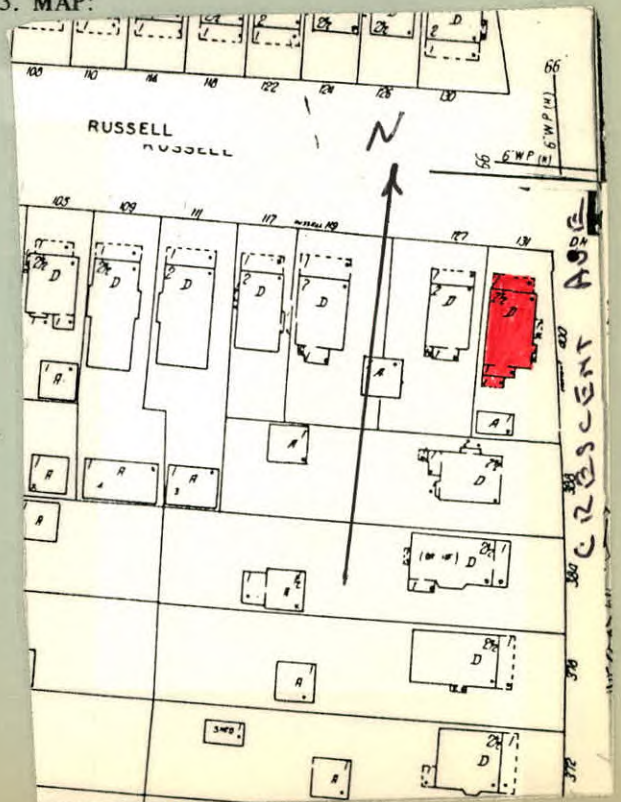
DESCRIPTION

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: 1-15a



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 north
j. other: _____ 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 standard sized corner lot within Olmsted's Parkside subdivision. House is 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 and a half story Craftsman style. Hip roof with exposed rafter tails under projecting eave and curvilinear knee braces. Trellised entrance porch with square supports. Wood paneled door with 10 light sidelights. Boxed bay on first floor has a pair 6/1 windows, single 10/1 light window on first floor. Second floor center

SIGNIFICANCE 8/1 window flanked by 10/1 windows. Hip roof dormers with exposed rafter tails

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1909
ARCHITECT: _____ and curvilinear knee braces under eave. Pair 6/1 windows.
BUILDER: Full-width hip roof porch on north side. Paired tapered square supports with column elaboration. Stick balustrade. Two double sash, lighted, porch doors.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This Craftsman style residence is enhanced by the curvilinear knee brackets. 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 Building Permit Records
County Census Records, 1915
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: _____

Craftsman