

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO.	029-40 5053 DO7
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: 553 Crescent Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Alan Main ADDRESS: 553 Crescent
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

DESCRIPTION

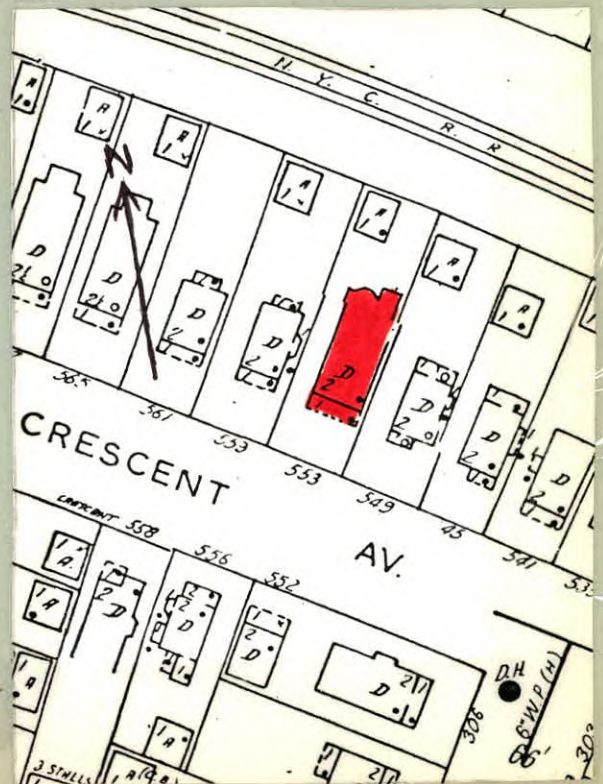
- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
- 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):
Remodeled into 3 family in 1943

12. PHOTO: 6-14



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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 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 standard sized 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 northeast of the Zoo.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

Two and a half story American Four Square. Hip roof. Full-width deck roof porch with brackets under eave. Rough-cut, regular course stone base. Squat square supports with flared bracket capital. Stick rail and semi-circular span between supports. 3 vertical beveled glass door. Three part window, 4 vertical lights over 1 center with 3 vertical lights over 1 sides on first floor. 3 lighted porch door. Hip roof dormer has brackets under eave.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1917

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

Recessed windows with flanking pilaster strips.
Spindle rail, three windows, three vertical lights each.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: Typical American Four Square with Craftsman style details. 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

City Tax Assessor Field Sheets

Olmsted's Sketch Map of Buffalo, 1876

The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted, Vol. III, by

22. THEME: Charles E. Beveridge & David Schuyler, eds. (1983).

American Four Square