

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. <u>029-40</u> <u>4916</u>	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

- BUILDING NAME(S): _____
- COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
- STREET LOCATION: 558 Crescent Ave
- OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private 447 Ward Road
- PRESENT OWNER: John Ochs, Sr. ADDRESS: N. Tonawanda, NY 14120
- USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

DESCRIPTION

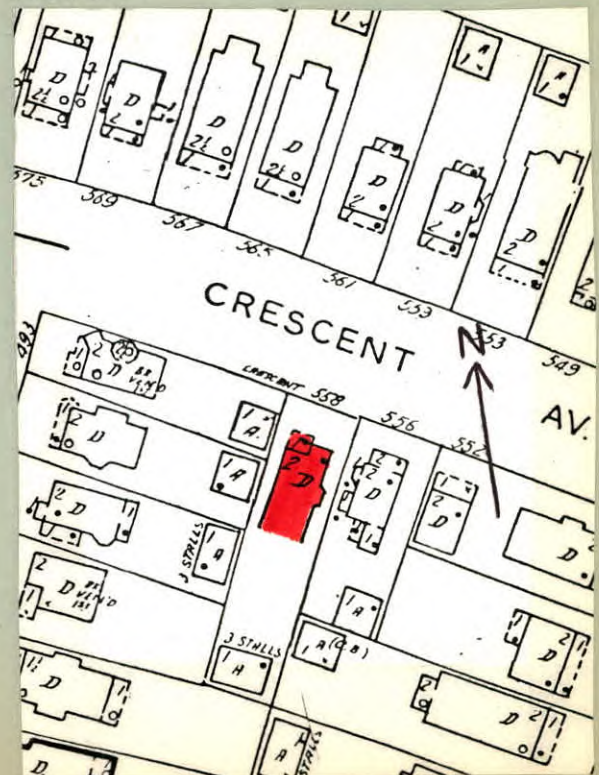
- BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: asbestos and aluminum siding
- STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints
(if known) b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
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):
Remodeled into 2 family in 1921

12. PHOTO: 2-2a



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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: large trees 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 story frame American Four Square. Gable roof. Gabled dormer on the east side of house. Two story bay on east side facade. Two story porch across front of house. Second floor porch is enclosed with eight single pane over single pane sash windows. First floor porch has squared brick columns and a brick balustrade.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1900

ARCHITECT: _____

BUILDER: _____

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: This house has lost its original character by many exterior renovations. Crescent Avenue is the longest curvilinear street in the Parkside subdivision. 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
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:
American Four Square