

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 029-40 5054 D07  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

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**IDENTIFICATION**

- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 559 Crescent Ave
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: Peter Sullivan ADDRESS: 559 Crescent
- 6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

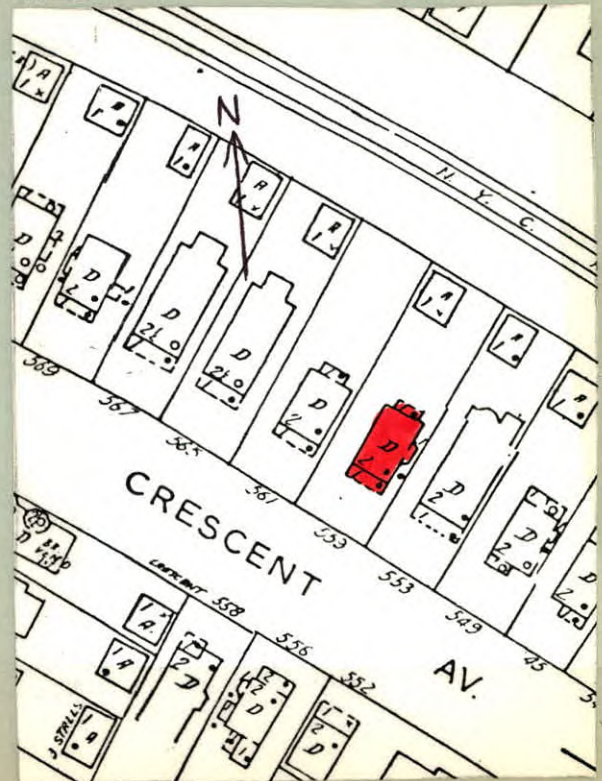
**DESCRIPTION**

- 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: 6-15



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 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 Craftsman style with side gable roof. Exposed rafter tails with curved rounded ends under eave. Gable sides have triangular knee braces. Porch is situated under main gable. Doric pilaster strips flank three 1/1 windows enframed within pediment. Original 4 vertical light over 1 window remains in 1 set of windows. Glass paneled door with 1/1 sidelights, SIGNIFICANCE recessed. Arched span

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1913 between supports. Shed roof  
 ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_ dormer has three 6/1 windows.  
 BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A good example of a vernacular version of Craftsman style. 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).

Craftsman