

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. 028-40 5069 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: 615 Crescent Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Gail Martin ADDRESS: 615 Crescent
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain by permission

DESCRIPTION

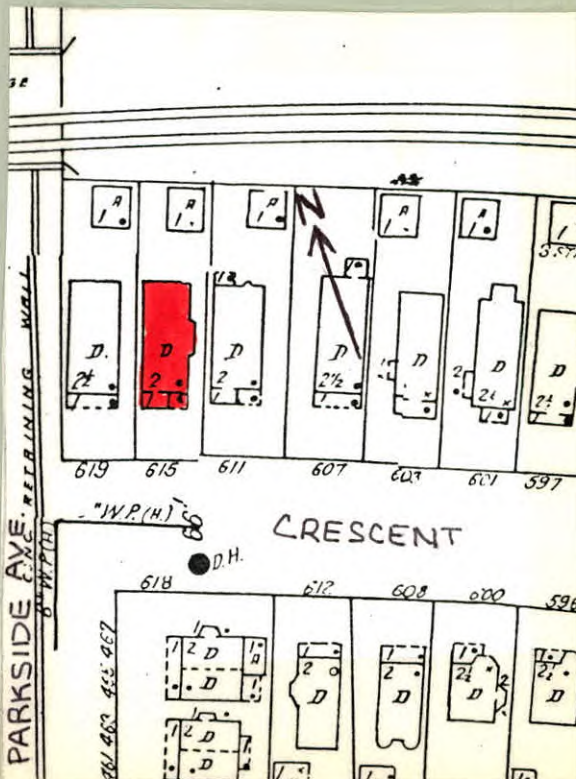
8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☒ g. stucco ☐ other: asbestos,
and asbestos siding
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
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: 2-8a



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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: 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 two 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 frame house with front facing gable roof. Full-width deck roof porch partially enclosed has brick base and end piers topped with square supports. Horizontal band of windows, single light with 3-light transom. Recessed entrance has three vertical light beveled glass door with leaded sidelights. SIGNIFICANCE Second floor semi-hexagonal bay with 1/1 windows.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1919 Double sash porch door with
center panel decorated with
ARCHITECT: diamond tracery. Pedimented
gable, projecting, has three-part 1/1 window.
BUILDER: Cornice window head.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A gabled frame with Prairie School style porch. 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
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:
Residence