

**BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM**

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 UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: 680 Crescent Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public  b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Sigurd Sheel ADDRESS: 680 Crescent
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes  No   
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

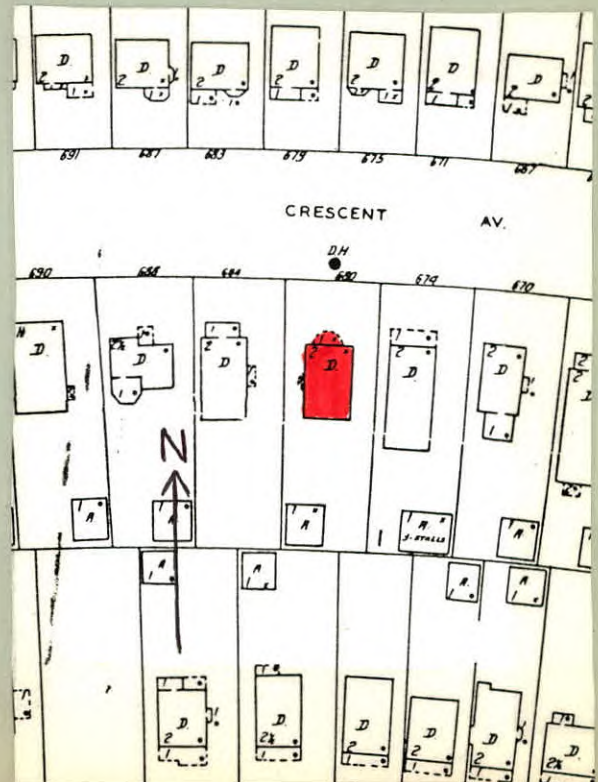
**DESCRIPTION**

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: 3-6a



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 two blocks from Delaware Park, which was designed by Olmsted and is listed on the National Register, and north of the Zoo.

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):  
 Two story residence with hip roof. Semi-circular porch has brackets under eave, doric columns and spindle balustrade. Round arched multi-light door. 6/1 first and second floor windows. Second floor window shutters. Eyebrow dormer window. West side entrance has semi-circular entrance hood with SIGNIFICANCE scalloped border of colored glass.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: 1923

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A plain residential structure that makes use of Colonial Revival 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 Tax Assessor Field Sheets  
 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: Colonial Revival Details