

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): _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Erie TOWN/CITY: Buffalo VILLAGE: _____
3. STREET LOCATION: 737 Crescent Ave
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
5. PRESENT OWNER: Alfred Rinkerman ADDRESS: 737 Crescent
6. USE: Original: Residential Present: Residential
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain by permission

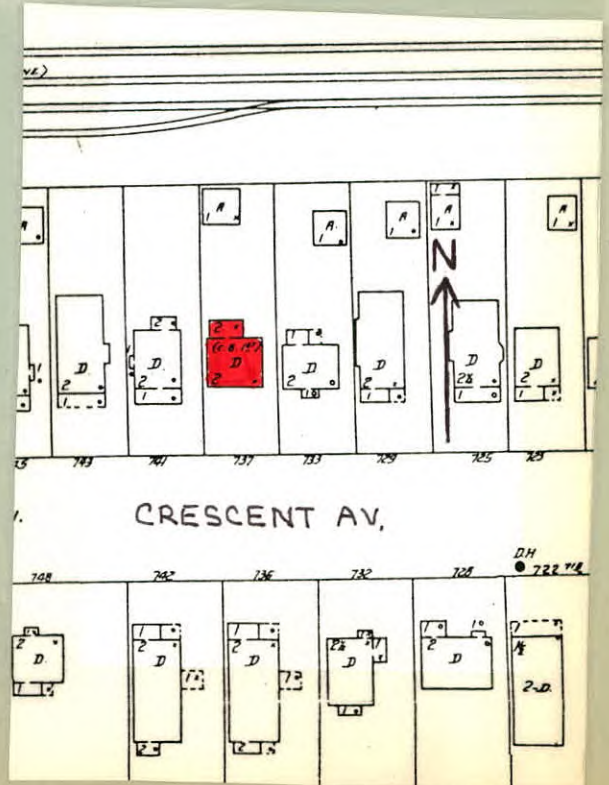
DESCRIPTION

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: 4-20a



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 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 and a half story Tudor style modified with Prairie School influence. Front facing gable roof. Stone first floor. Smooth regular course stone with rough cut stone quoins. Entrance has glass and wood paneled door, sidelights. Lintel. First floor windows have horizontal and vertical bands in top light. Lintel. Second floor has horizontal and vertical decorative half-timbering.

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1911 Projecting gabled two-story bay. Bargeboard. Balconey
ARCHITECT: supported by brackets, curvilinear balusters. Windows imitate first floor. Gable has pair of square windows.
BUILDER: Through the cornice gabled dormers on east and west side.

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: A unique composite of the Tudor and Prairie School styles. 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
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:
Tudor and Prairie School