

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
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1. No.	2. County <b>LOR</b>	4. Present Name(s) Fuller Co-op		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded				
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Ctr.		5. Historic or Other Name(s) John House, Miskovsky House, Preston House, Parsons House, Berg House, Prather House, Politzer House, Huston House						
Roll #	Exp. #				Facing			
7	28							
Front	7	29						
6. Specific Address or Location 121 East College Street		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1890-1891	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Sandstone				
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-086-106-010		18. Style or Design Queen Anne	High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Balloon Frame/Western Frame/Platform				
7. City or Village Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)	Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	32. Roof: Type Gable Pitch Steep Material Asphalt Shingle				
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer Unknown	33. No. Bays Front irregular Side irregular					
		19a. Design Sources Unknown						
9. U.T.M. Reference		20. Contractor or Builder Unknown	34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Aluminum or Vinyl Siding, Wood, Beveled, and Wood, Shingle					
Zone	Easting	21. Building Type or Plan Gabled Ell	35. Plan Shape Irregular					
		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling	36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered					
<table border="1" style="width:100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Quadrangle Name</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </table>		Quadrangle Name				23. Present Use Cooperative Housing	37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1, and one oval	
Quadrangle Name								
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	38. Bldg. Dims. 30 x 60					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Oberlin Student Co-Op Association, Inc. 121 East College Street Oberlin OH 44074	39. Endangered? No Explain:					
11. On National Register? No	12. N.R. Potential? No	26. Property Acreage .35	40. Chimney Placement 2, both Off Center Within Roof Surface					
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No	14. Dist. Potential? Yes	27. Other Surveys in Which Included No	41a. Distance from road approx. 30'					
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		28. No. of Stories 2 and 1/2	41b. Frontage on road 77 ft.					
16. Thematic Association(s) Commerce - Grocery, Private Education - College		29. Basement? Yes						
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This is a modest but beautiful Queen Anne house. It has a wraparound porch that covers the façade and extends along the east side, stopping at a cross-gable. The porch includes a round projection, Tuscan columns, turned-wood balusters, and a porch swing. One cross-gable projects from the east side of the house and another from the west side. The west cross-gable has a corner that overhangs a diagonal cut-away on the first floor, decorated with brackets. There is an oval window on the west side of the second story, and two windows on the façade have decorative shutters. The area under each gable is covered with painted shingles, and the front gable end has a third-floor bracketed octagonal bay window.								
43. History and Significance The first known resident of this house is Palantis (also spelled "Palantes") John, who lived here with his wife, Anna, and his mother, Hannah, a dressmaker, from 1891 through 1894 (Holsworth). In 1896, Reverend Louis Francis Miskovsky lived here (City Directories). Miskovsky was born in Bohemia, but immigrated to the U.S. in 1873 when he was ten years old. By the early 1890s, he was a professor in Oberlin's seminary, and also served as principal of the Oberlin College Slavic Department and a professor of Bohemian Language. He married his wife, Mary J., while living at 121 E. College, and they later had two sons,								
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) A driveway on the east side of the house leads to a large 1 1/2 story carriage house. The beveled wood sided carriage house has a hip roof and a large gabled wall dormer on the north elevation.								
45. Sources of Information O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin City Directories. Lorain County Courthouse, Auditor Property Records, 2001. Internet. <a href="http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml">http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml</a> . Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files. O.H.I.O. Resource Center Files. Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pat Holsworth, Oberlin Pioneer Database. Oberlin College Yearbooks, O.H.I.O. Resource Center.		46. Prepared by H. Petersen, M. Franck, D. Musson, and O.H.I.O. Interns						
		47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.						
		48. Date Recorded 12/16/2002						
		49. Revised by						
		50a. Date Revised						
		50b. Reviewed by						

51. Condition of Property

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good/Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed/Burned
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	Date _____

54. Farmstead Plan



52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Crib or Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Silo
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke House	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring House	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice House
<input type="checkbox"/> Designed Landscape Features	<input type="checkbox"/> Privy	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

OAI Completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Archaeological Feature:	Observed	Expected on Basis of Archival Research
Well	_____	_____
Privy	_____	_____
Cistern	_____	_____
Foundation	_____	_____
Structural Rubble	_____	_____
Formal Trash Dump	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

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James F. and Louis J. (Holsworth). George W. Preston lived here from 1897 through 1910 with his wife, Maude E., their sons Kenneth and Carroll, several student boarders, and a servant named Carry Pfaff. He had previously owned the Racket Store on N. Main with his sister, Edna, but by the 1890s he was co-owner of the Preston and Hobbs City Bakery on E. College St. (Holsworth). In 1908, he owned a dry goods store at 11 N. Main. Miss Viola Parsons lived at 121 E. College from 1916 through 1938, and in 1916 she shared the house with Miss Luella Bacon and Mrs. Jane Ingraham. Louis Berg lived here in 1940, followed by Cloyce Prather in 1942. Then, Heinz Politzer lived here in 1956, followed by J. M. Huston in 1961 (City Directories). The Oberlin Student Cooperative Association (OSCA) bought the house in 1985. The house is known as Fuller Co-op, and the residents are mostly Oberlin College students and members of OSCA.