

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 E. Hudson St. Columbus, Ohio 43211
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1. No.	2. County LOR	4. Present Name(s)		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Stevens House; Wood House		
Roll #	Exp. #			
Front 4	20a	N		
Rear 4	19a	SW		
6. Specific Address or Location 228 East College		17. Date(s) or Period 1862	17b. Alteration Date(s) 1913	30. Foundation Material Stone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 09-00-086-109-052		18. Style or Design Italianate		31. Wall Construction Brick
7. City or Village Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) Greek Revival		32. Roof: Type Hip Pitch Low Material Mock Shingle
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer		33. No. Bays Front 3 Side 5
		19a. Design Sources		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Red Brick Running Bond
		20. Contractor or Builder		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Building Type or Plan Side hallway		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Some alterations
Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Residential		37. Window Type(s) Double-hung; 6 over 6
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		23. Present Use Residential		38. Bldg. Dims. 26 ft. x 59 ft. +additions
11. On National Register ? No		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		39. Endangered? No Explain:
12. N.R. Potential ? No		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		40. Chimney Placement 2 internal east, 1 internal west
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		26. Property Acreage 1.668 (159x435 ft.)		41a. Distance from road 80 ft.
14. Dist. Potential ? Yes		27. Other Surveys in Which Included Dyson (91)		41b. Frontage on road 159 ft.
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		28. No. of Stories 2		
16. Thematic Association(s)		29. Basement? Yes		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This two-story brick house with a low-pitched hipped roof combines details of both Italianate Style and Greek Revival Style. Its three-bay facade has tall, six over six double-hung windows, wood shutters, and slightly pedimented stone lintels. The cornice is bracketed. The pedimented gable front entrance porch and flat roofed side porches date to 1913 and have columns arranged in threes at the corners, resting on brick piers. The front door has rectangular side lights and a rectangular fanlight. A later gable roof addition extends from the rear of the house and other renovation work has maintained this house.				
43. History and Significance This house was built in 1862 for George Stevens, the town postmaster, whose wife Orpha had been an Oberlin College student in 1841-42. The house was sold in 1867 to Zoraster Culver, a retired merchant from New York. In 1881, the house was bought by H. Delos Wood (Blodgett). Mr. Wood, a commercial traveler, occupied the house from 1883 through 1904; in 1904 Mr. Wood was identified as a farmer. In 1907 Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of H. D. Wood, and Dudley A. Wood were listed as occupants. From 1920 through the 1950s Dudley A. and his wife, Catherine Wood were listed as occupants. (cont.)				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) East College Street was Oberlin's most prestigious 19th century residential neighborhood. Today it is experiencing loss of integrity due to conversions to rental and alterations to historic homes.				
45. Sources of Information Lorain County Courthouse: Lorain County tax records. Oberlin Public Library: Oberlin City Directories. O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files; Oberlin City Directories. Blodgett, Geoffrey. <u>Oberlin Architecture College and Town: A Guide to its Social History</u> . Oberlin College, 1985. Oberlin College Library Special Collections: Oberlin City Directories. Interview of Prue Richards, September, 2000.				
46. Prepared by M. Fedelchak-Harley; L. Previll; J. Heaton				
47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.				
48. Date Recorded 8-24-1999				
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	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Privy	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Cistern	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Foundation	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Structural Rubble	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Formal Trash Dump	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Other _____	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>

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

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Mr. Wood was identified in 1920 as employed at Forest City Building Supplies, Cleveland, OH; in 1931 he was President of Forest City Building Supplies (City Directories). After Catherine died in 1954, Dudley A. Wood Jr., and his wife Mary Jane, resided in the house through 1974 (Richards).

This house is significant for its distinctive architectural style and details, and for its more than eighty year association with a single Oberlin family. This house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark on December 7, 1998.