



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-1947-21		4. Present Name(s)	
2. County Lorain		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Pratt-Chapin House	
6. Specific Address or Location 348 East College		19a. Design Sources	35. Plan Shape Rectangular
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900087101042		20. Contractor or Builder	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct
7. City or Village Oberlin		21. Building Type or Plan Bungalow	17b.
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 399142 4571629 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling	37. Window Type(s) 4 over 1
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Single Dwelling	Other
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Private	38. Building Dimensions 46' x 60'
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known	39. Endangered? NO By What?
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage	40. Chimney Placement Lateral Exterior
16. Thematic Associations: Grocery/Chain Research/Reference Facility High School		27. Other Surveys	41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 30' approx.
17. Date(s) or Period c. 1930	17b. Alteration Date(s)	28. No. of Stories One story	51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
18. Style Class and Design Element Craftsman/Arts and Crafts		29. Basement? Yes	52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Garage
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing	Date
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame	Associated Activity
		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI)
		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 3	Archaeological (OAI)
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Clapboard or weatherboard	

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)

This simple Craftsman Bungalow features a nearly full front porch that has a front-facing gabled roof, with a pair of small vents in the gable. The porch gable mirrors the large front gable of the house at the south elevation. Square supports sit on top of stone bases at the porch, which has a clapboard wall around the perimeter of the porch. Cement steps and a metal rail lead up to the porch, and square lattice runs below the porch. The entry near the center of the elevation has an original glass and wood door, with Craftsman detailing. The mullions in the door run the width and height of the door, crossing near the corners and forming squares at the corners. Pairs of 4/1 windows flank the door. The upper sashes of the windows each have three vertical mullions. The east elevation has a wide, exterior chimney at the left, flanked by rectangular windows with three vertical mullions. Near the center of the elevation, a square, projecting bay has a pair of double hung windows. At the right, there is another, small double hung window. The west elevation features 4/1 windows at the left, center, and (presumably) the right (it is obscured by foliage).

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

This house first appears in the city directories in 1933, when it was the residence of William Pratt. The house may have been built before this date, but as it is on the outskirts of town, any potential earlier residents are undocumented. Mr. Pratt worked as a meat cutter at the Oberlin College Market, and his wife Lucille worked as a clerk for several years before becoming a clerk at Locke's and at Ives Rexall Drug Store. In 1961 William worked at the Oberlin Nursery, and by 1970 he had retired. The Pratts lived at the house from 1933-1986. Mildred Chapin became the owner of the house in 1986. Mrs. Chapin (nee Locke) had been a lifelong Oberlin resident, though she spent a few years in Huron. Her father Bert Locke co-owned a grocery store with Merritt Sperry. Mildred married Almon Chapin continued...

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

An original, detached garage features a pyramidal roof and a 1-car garage door. A small door is located to the left of the garage door. The garage is covered in clapboard siding. This house is located in a residential area, on a street that receives a fair amount of traffic.

45. Sources of Information

O-High Alumni, Internet, <http://www.oberlin-high.org>, Accessed July 2006.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' Alfred K. Knopf Inc. New York. 2000.; 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative Staff, continued...

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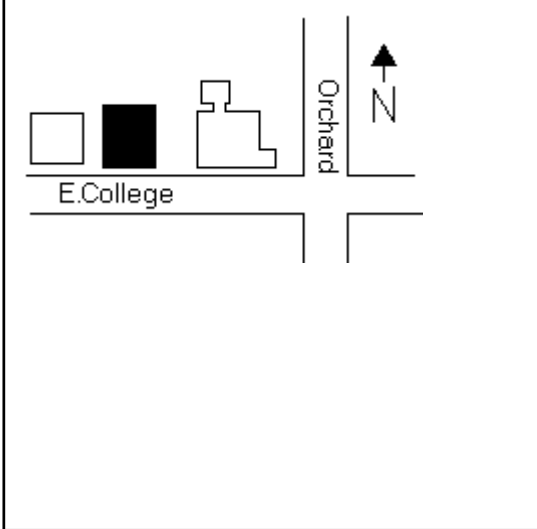
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable end axis

Symmetry:
Other

Report Associated With Project:

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42. *Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)*

43. *History and Significance (Con't)*

(also of Oberlin) in 1934. Mrs. Chapin and her husband were both amateur genealogists, and before her death in 1999 Mildred completed family histories for both sides of the family. She was a licensed pilot, a ham radio operator, a weaver, potter, and bird watcher. Though she was retired by the time she moved into the house, she taught at Oberlin Public Schools for several years. According to her obituary in the Oberlin News-Tribune, 'In 1994 she received the Historian of the Year Award from the United Methodist Historical Society for her history of the First Methodist Church in Oberlin.' Mildred was also a 1931 graduate of OHS.

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45. *Sources (Con't)*

(1833-1960).¹ Oberlin College, 1961.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>.; 'Obituary: Mildred May Chapin,' Oberlin News Tribune, 5 October 1999, p. 3.; Oral History: Mildred Locke Chapin, Interviewed by Betty Thomas, 17 July 1986, located in Oberlin Historical Center Resource Center.;