

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
614/298-2000



1. No. LOR-1599-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1599-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen						
Roll No. 9		Picture No.(s) 34,35		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Alford House		2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 224 West College Street		16. Thematic Associations: Public Spaces, Lake, World War I		28. No. of Stories One and a half story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-085-101-053		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1890		17b. Alteration Date(s)		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village If Rural, Township & Vicinity Oberlin		18. Style or Design No academic style - Vernacular,		High Style Elements		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		29. Basement? Yes		
		19. Architect or Engineer		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
		19a. Design Sources		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397357 4571670 Zone Easting Northing		20. Contractor or Builder		32. Roof Type Cross gable Roof Material Slate		
10. Classification: Building		21. Building Type or Plan Gabled Ell		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays Irregular		
11. On National Register?		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , ,		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Insulbrick (composition)		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		23. Present Use Multiple Dwelling, ,		35. Plan Shape L-shaped		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		24. Ownership Private		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Yes Altered Moved		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1,		
		26. Property Acreage .24		38. Building Dimensions 48' x 40'		
		27. Other Surveys		39. Endangered? By What?		
				40. Chimney Placement Gable end, exterior		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 35'		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 224 West College Street
<p>This vernacular house appears originally to have been a Gabled Ell, but several additions have created a different plan. The full front porch has modern supports and modern lattice that extends from the shingled walls to the porch roof. The addition at the right has three windows; two are obscured by lattice, and another is right of the porch. The far right window is one-over-one. Two doors are situated near the facade at the porch, one in the continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>This house had a number of different residents over the years. The first resident listed in the city directories was Eugene S. Alford in 1890. Eugene was a captain and his obituary states that, 'He was formerly a sailor on the lakes and he took an intelligent interest in seafaring matters' (Oberlin News). The Alford's were listed as living in this house until 1896 (City Directory). In 1897, the Burgner family moved into the house. Louis Burgner was a Justice of the Peace, VP of the Cinder Path continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>The house appears to be in good condition, and includes a detached, two-car garage, which appears to be unaltered.</p>						
45. Sources of Information						
<p>'Obituary of Eugene S. Alford,' The Oberlin News. 19 April 1898:1.; Oberlin College Archives, Internet, http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/WWW_files/burgner_b.html, Accessed 2003.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor continued...</p>						
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51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Unknown

Door Position: Unknown

Orientation: Gable dominant with lateral smaller extension

Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

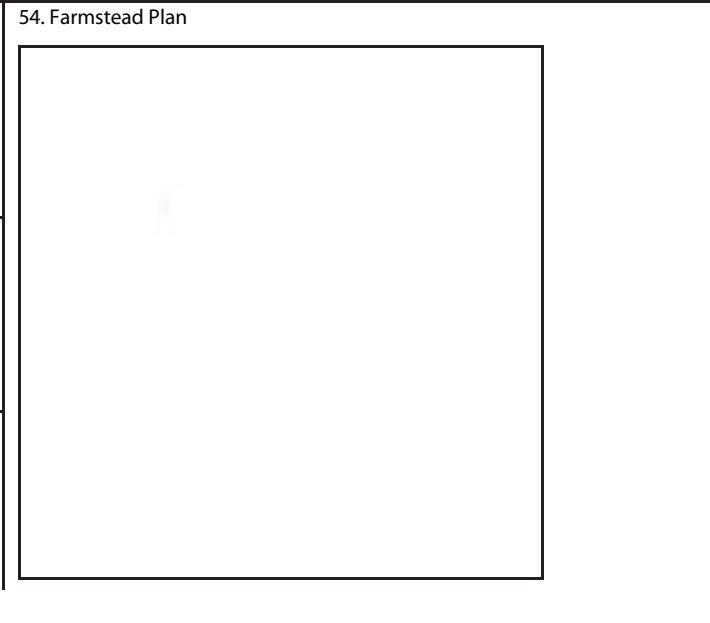
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50b. Reviewed by:

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

original portion; the other is in the addition. A large window is left of the door in the original section of the house. Two one-over-one windows are in the second story, and the gable's window has been changed to a louvered vent. The two-story wing at the left has a one-over-one window at the first story and a hip wall dormer with a one-over-one window. The east elevation contains a one-story addition with two one-over-one windows and an apparent addition at its rear with a shed roof. The original portion of the house at this elevation has a hip dormer to the far right. The west elevation contains a one-over-one window at its first and second stories.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Association, an incorporator of the Oberlin Electric and Heating Plant, he was on the board of the Peoples Banking Company, and the board of Allen Hospital, Director of the Oberlin Missionary Association, he chaired five successful Liberty Bond drives and Victory Loan drives during World War I, he also served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was an officer of the Lorain County Insurance Agents Association (Biography). The Burgner family was only listed as living here in 1897. Around 1899 Milton Smith resided in the house. However, around 1908 Mrs. Alice Kennedy, Margaret K Kennedy, Mrs. F.M. Mulvany, Minnie Mulvany, Herrick E. Wilson, and Zattie K. Wilson moved into the house. Mrs. John Rood and Mrs. Henry Wilson lived here around 1910. Mrs. Herrick Wilson resided here around 1927 and Ralph Cooley did in 1929. R.P. Fowler and Bonnie B. Day occupied the house around 1933. Agnes Princehorn lived here around 1935, and reference librarian Mary C. Venn lived here from 1939 until around 1956 (City Directory). Lorraine F. Lloyd lived here about 1961-1970s.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

45. Sources (Con't)

Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2003.; 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, (1833-1960).' Oberlin College, 1961.

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