

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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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)<br>Kinney House; Reichard House   |  |  |
| Roll #   | Exp. #                       |  |  |  |
| Front 1  | 20A                          | S  |  |  |
| W.Side 1   | 19A                          | E  |  |  |
| 6. Specific Address or Location<br>265 West College  |                              | 17. Date(s) or Period<br>1911  | 17b. Alteration Date(s)                      | 30. Foundation Material<br>Stone                                 |
| 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number<br>09-00-085-102-010  |                              | 18. Style or Design<br>Vernacular  | High Style <input type="checkbox"/>          | 31. Wall Construction<br>Brick Bearing                           |
| 7. City or Village<br>Oberlin  |                              | 18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)<br>Arts & Crafts  | Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 32. Roof:<br>Type Hip<br>Pitch Low<br>Material Composite Shingle |
| 8. Site Plan with North Arrow  |                              | 19. Architect or Engineer<br>Joseph Lyman Silsbee  | 19a. Design Sources                          | 33. No. Bays<br>Front 3<br>Side 8                                |
|  |                              | 20. Contractor or Builder  | 21. Building Type or Plan<br>House: other    | 34. Exterior Wall Material(s)<br>Stucco, Shingle                 |
|  |                              | 22. Original Use, if apparent<br>Single Dwelling   | 23. Present Use<br>Single Dwelling           | 35. Plan Shape<br>Other  |
| 9. U.T.M. Reference  |                              | 24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private  |  | 36. Changes (Explain in #42)<br>Altered                          |
| Zone   | Easting                      | Northing   |  | 37. Window Type(s)<br>Altered, Replacement windows               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>     | <input type="checkbox"/>   |  | 38. Bldg. Dims. 25 ft. X 45 ft.                                  |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure   |                              | 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known   |  | 39. Endangered? No Explain:                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object   |                              | 26. Property Acreage 0.303   |  | 40. Chimney Placement<br>1 Lateral Wall Flush                    |
| 11. On National Register ?<br>No   | 12. N.R. Potential ?<br>No   | 27. Other Surveys in Which Included<br>Dyson (91)  |  | 41a. Distance from road  |
| 13. Part of Estb Hist Dist?<br>No  | 14. Dist. Potential ?<br>Yes | 28. No. of Stories 2 and 1/2   |  | 41b. Frontage on road 25 ft.                                     |
| 15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)   |                              | 29. Basement? Yes  |  |  |
| 16. Thematic Association(s)<br>Education: Private/parochial: Higher & Other  |                              | 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features<br>This two-and-one-half-story house has a low-pitched, hipped roof, lateral exterior chimney, and Arts and Crafts design elements. The exterior walls of the house are stucco, and the large shed dormers have wood shingles. A wide cornice, lined with thin strips of wood, protrudes from the roofline. The front entrance porch has a gable front roof, supported by thick wooden beams, with a slight bow at the bottom. In the center of the porch gable a beam bisects the stucco. On the second story, three cubed brackets support a bay projecting from the front façade with paired six-over-six double-hung windows. All of the windows are replacement and vary in size and shape. The house may have undergone later additions. |  |  |
| 43. History and Significance<br>In 1911, only 14 months before his death, Joseph Lyman Silsbee designed this home for local newspaper editor Carl W. Kinney. Kinney was well known as a young man who started his own newspaper, <u>The Owl</u> , while a student at the Oberlin academy, and as editor of the <u>Tribune</u> from 1899 to 1934. Carl W. Kinney, Jr. was the house's next occupant. Carl Jr. continued the family profession of journalism with his own newspaper <u>The Times</u> from 1936 to 1951 (Blodgett). In 1950 Joseph, college German professor, and Anita Reichard, college dean of women in the turbulent 1960s, purchased the house from Carl Kinney Jr. The Reichards sold the house for (cont.) |                              | 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)<br>West College Street is a predominately intact historic neighborhood. Its integrity, however, is threatened by insensitive rehabilitation, and conversions to student rental.  |  | 46. Prepared by<br>M. Fedelchak-Harley; L. Preville              |
| 45. Sources of Information<br>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: Oberlin City Directories. Joseph Reichard Interview, 9/00.  |                              | 47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.   |  | 48. Date Recorded 9-15-2000                                      |
|  |                              | 49. Revised by   |  | 50a. Date Revised  |
|  |                              |  |  | 50b. Reviewed by   |

51. Condition of Property

Excellent

Good/Fair

Deteriorated

Ruin

Destroyed/Burned

Date \_\_\_\_\_

54. Farmstead Plan



52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Corn Crib or Shed

Summer Kitchen

Silo

Smoke House

Spring House

Ice House

Designed Landscape Features

Privy

Garage

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

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

| Archaeological Feature: | Observed | Expected on Basis of Archival Research |
|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Well                    | No _____ | No _____                               |
| Privy                   | No _____ | No _____                               |
| Cistern                 | No _____ | No _____                               |
| Foundation              | No _____ | No _____                               |
| Structural Rubble       | No _____ | No _____                               |
| Formal Trash Dump       | No _____ | No _____                               |
| Other _____             | No _____ | No _____                               |

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

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\$155,000 in 1993.

This house is significant for its association with the town's leading family of journalism, and for as the residence of college faculty. This house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin City Landmark on May 5, 1997.