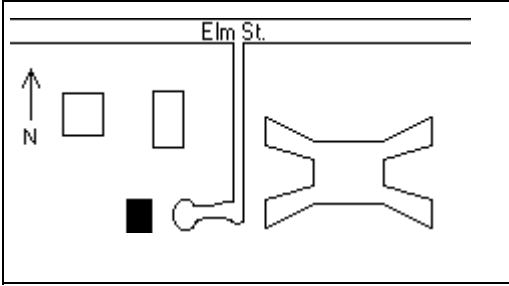


OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
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1. No. LOR-1881-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s) Oberlin College		1 No LOR-1881-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.						
Roll No. 7	Picture No.(s) 11, 12, 13	5. Historic or Other Name(s) Orchard Laboratory-Oberlin Kindergarten				2 County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 128 Forest		16. Thematic Associations: Elementary, Teachers Institute/Normal School, Sci		28. No. of Stories One story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900085108067		17. Date(s) or Period circa 1909	17b. Alteration Date(s)	29. Basement? Yes		4 Present or Historic Name(s) Oberlin College
7. City or Village Oberlin If Rural, Township & Vicinity		18. Style or Design Craftsman/Arts and Crafts,		30. Foundation Material Concrete block		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397676 4571632 Zone Easting Northing		19. Architect or Engineer		32. Roof Type Butterfly Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
10. Classification: Building		19a. Design Sources		33. No. of Bays 5 Side Bays 2		
11. On National Register?		20. Contractor or Builder		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Wood shingles		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type		35. Plan Shape Rectangular		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		22. Original Use, if apparent School, , ,		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved		
		23. Present Use VACANT/NOT IN USE, ,		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1, Other		
		24. Ownership Private		38. Building Dimensions 37' x 45'		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Oberlin College		39. Endangered? By What?		
		26. Property Acreage unknown		40. Chimney Placement Center		
		27. Other Surveys		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Dist: 150' & Frontage: unknown		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						
<p>This one-story Arts and Crafts building has a door located center on the front protruded gable. One-over-one windows on each side, the typical window style of the house, flank the door that is surrounded by a post and lintel arrangement. This is one of the influences that the Greek Revival style has on this home. Dripstones are located above the windows. Decorative brackets are positioned at the ends under the gabled roofline. Dentils run continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>This is the last remaining building of the Oberlin Kindergarten-Primary Training School (Observer). The school was founded in 1894 to train kindergarten teachers & provide free kindergartens for Oberlin residents. By the late 1920's, the school owned two kindergartens as well as six other buildings used for classrooms & dormitories, most on Elm Street. When the state of Ohio began requiring teachers to have four-year degrees in 1932, the school sold all of its buildings to OC & transferred its continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>The Kindergarten Training School is located between the streets of Forest St. and Elm St. The building appears to be vacant, but is surrounded by other well-maintained houses and two Oberlin College dormitories. The school can be reached by a service drive that runs next to South Hall.</p>						
45. Sources of Information						
<p>City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Gordon, Stephen C, 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, 1992.; Oberlin Archives: Records of the Oberlin Kindergarten-Primary Training School (Group 24), Internet, http://www.oberlin.edu/archi continued...</p>						
46. Prepared By: Clark, Surovy, Tomazic, Tuohy		47. Organization: O.H.I.O./ Oberlin Heritage Center		48. Date Recorded: 08/02/2004		

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51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair		54. Farmstead Plan <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 250px; width: 100%;"></div>
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies		
53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers		
Door Selection: Single centered		
Door Position: Flush		
Orientation: Gable end axis		
Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry		
FOR OHPO USE:		
49. Revised By:		
50a. Date Revised:		
50b. Reviewed by:		
RPR Number:		

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

underneath the roofline. A small opening was located above the door, most likely it was a vent that is now covered with wood shingles that cover the rest of the building. Therefore, the right and left sides of the front elevation are recessed back and the right side contains no windows. Exposed rafters can also be viewed from the front elevation. Another entry is located on the left side that has a small porch with wood railing, and to the left of it is a window. The south elevation also contains a window that is situated to the right of the porch. Foliage obstructs the view of the back portion of the south elevation. Semi-circular sections of brick are located in the ground in front of several small awning windows situated in the concrete foundation. Six windows and a door are found on the north elevation that contains the same decoration as the front elevation. The north elevation also indicates a butterfly roof that has a chimney located in the center.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

students into the college's education program (OC Archives). This building was originally part of the property of Maynard M Metcalf, which also included a large house south of this building at 128 Forest, the present site of Lord/Saunders Hall. Maynard, an OC grad, was a professor of zoology at the college and also the lead expert witness for the defense at the Scopes 'Monkey Trial' in 1925 (University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law). The house was built by Maynard & his wife Ella between 1908 & 1910. Maynard constructed this building to serve as a zoology and botany lab. The grounds around the lab were originally an apple orchard, hence the name "Orchard Laboratory" (Lothrop). In 1926, the Training School bought the property & converted the laboratory into a kindergarten attended by children from Oberlin's west side and taught by Mary Yocom, an OC graduate, who also oversaw student-teachers here. The house was used as a dormitory. After the Metcalf property was sold to the college in 1932, the college leased this building to the Oberlin city schools and retained the house for use by professors and later students. Clarence T Craig, a

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

45. Sources (Con't)

ive/resources/architecture/group24.html, Accessed 2004.; 'The Oberlin Kindergarten Training School Announcement, 1927-28,' The News Printing Company, Oberlin OH, 1927.; 'The Observer,' 11 December 1980, 3.; University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Famous Trials in American History: Tennessee vs. John Scopes, 'the Monkey Trial,' Internet, <http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/scopes/metcalfm.html>, Accessed 2004.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee, 'A Field Guide to American Houses,' Alfred K. Knopf Inc., New York, 2000.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Interview with former Orchard Kindergarten teacher Anna Chapman, conducted by Nat Tuohy, July 2004.

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