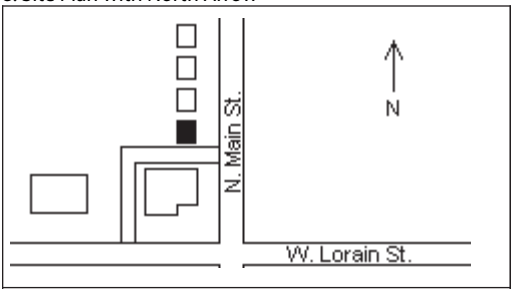


# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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



1. No. LOR-1830-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1830-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.						
Roll No. 5		Picture No.(s) 10,11		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Bebout-Morris House		2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 134/136 N. Main Street		16. Thematic Associations: United Church of Christ, College, Painting		28. No. of Stories Three story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900075110072		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1894		17b. Alteration Date(s) ca. 1990 (vinyl)		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village Oberlin		18. Style or Design No academic style - Vernacular,		29. Basement? Yes		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) Italianate		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 398069 4572239 Zone Easting Northing		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		
10. Classification: Building		19a. Design Sources		32. Roof Type Hip		
11. On National Register?		20. Contractor or Builder		32. Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type		33. No. of Bays 5 Side Bays 4		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , ,		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Aluminum or vinyl siding		
		23. Present Use Multiple Dwelling, ,		35. Plan Shape Rectangular		
		24. Ownership Private		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		37. Window Type(s) 2 over 2,		
		26. Property Acreage .32		38. Building Dimensions 40' x 50'		
		27. Other Surveys		39. Endangered? By What?		
		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) This large, altered rental property has a full front porch, which has rock-faced stone supports at the corners and a stonewall around its perimeter. Other porch supports are Doric columns. The front stairs rise at the center of the porch and appear to be sandstone with metal rails. The stairs lead up to double doors, with two, two-over-two double hung windows at the left and right of the doors. The second and third stories have one-over-one and continued...		40. Chimney Placement Unknown		
		43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) This house was built sometime before 1894. The first known residents, DG Bebout, his wife MJ, & their children Jenny, Viola, Alice, Ernest, Anna, & Maud, were living here in 1894 and stayed till about 1900. In 1896, Rev. CA Haskett moved in but was gone by 1897. In 1902, Levi Pember, a laborer, his wife Ella & their children Harry, Hugh, Raymond, & Florence were living here but by 1904 Mary Morris, her husband John, a stone mason & contractor, & their children Euphemia, Florence, Leona, & John, continued...		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Dist: 35' & Frontage: unknown		
		44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) This property is in stable condition and is located along a state route in Oberlin. It is neighbored by First Church on the south side and a house on the north side.		6. Specific Address or Location 134/136 N. Main Street		
45. Sources of Information Allen Memorial Art Museum Collection: Alice Neel, Internet, <a href="http://www.oberlin.edu/allenart/collection/neeel_alice.html">http://www.oberlin.edu/allenart/collection/neeel_alice.html</a> , Accessed 2004.; Allen Memorial Art Museum Collection: Frank Lloyd Wright House, Internet, <a href="http://www.oberlin.edu/allenart/collection/flwright.html">http://www.oberlin.edu/allenart/collection/flwright.html</a> , Accessed 2004.; City continued...						
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: <b>Good/Fair</b>	54. Farmstead Plan
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies	
53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers	
Door Selection: <b>Two doors symmetrical</b>	
Door Position: <b>Flush</b>	
Orientation: <b>Lateral axis</b>	
Symmetry: <b>Repetition of bay arrangement</b>	
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)*

two-over-two double hung windows, in repetition of the six bays of the facade. The one-over-one windows are wood, but appear to have lost their muntins that once made them two-over-two windows. The two center third story windows appear to have been altered, as they do not line up with the other bays and are slightly smaller than the other windows. Decorative brackets run below the roof's eaves, and give the house an Italianate flavor. A small, triangular dormer in the roof contains a vent. The south elevation has a projecting, enclosed entry at the left of the elevation and has a shed roof. A large one-over-one double hung window is located to the entry's right (at the center of the elevation). A smaller one-over-one double hung window is located at the far right of the first story. The second story has five one-over-one double hung windows; the two windows near the center are in a pair. The third story has four one-over-one double hung windows. The north elevation has a repetition of bays and double hung windows, as in the south elevation. An entry towards the right side of the elevation has two steps leading up to it.

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

who attended OC, had moved in. They stayed through at least 1920 & also lived with D Drage in 1910. The house is unlisted in the 1927 City Directory & is listed as vacant in the 1929 but from 1933 to 1937, Mary Morris lived here again (City Directory). From about 1939-42, Delbert L Gibson, a 1928 graduate of OC who taught Romance languages there from 1931 to 1945, lived at the house. Delbert has contributed to Allen Memorial Art Museum & also set up a scholarship fund for students of romance languages at University of Akron (University of Akron, Oberlin Online). J. D. MacLaury, a long time owner of the house, owned it from at least 1948 to 1957 as he was Richard Lothrop's mother's landlord during that time period. MacLaury went on to build a house on Morgan St. (Lothrop) The next known resident, Ellen H Johnson, was a professor of art at OC & honorary curator of the Allen Memorial Art Museum. She was living in the house from at least 1956-1961 & may have stayed until she bought Oberlin's Frank Lloyd Wright 'Usonian' house in 1968. A portrait of Johnson painted by Alice Neel is in the AMAM collection (AMAM). From at least

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

*45. Sources (Con't)*

Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; First Church of Oberlin Home Page, Internet, <http://www.firstchurchoberlin.org/>, Accessed 2004.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2004.; Oberlin Online, Internet, [http://www.oberlin.edu/news-info/weeks/may21-27\\_2001.html](http://www.oberlin.edu/news-info/weeks/may21-27_2001.html), Accessed 2004. University of Akron: Department of Development, Internet, <http://www.uakron.edu/development/ef4.php>, Accessed 2004.; '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.; Blodgett, Jane.; Lothrop, Richard.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Gordon, Stephen C.

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