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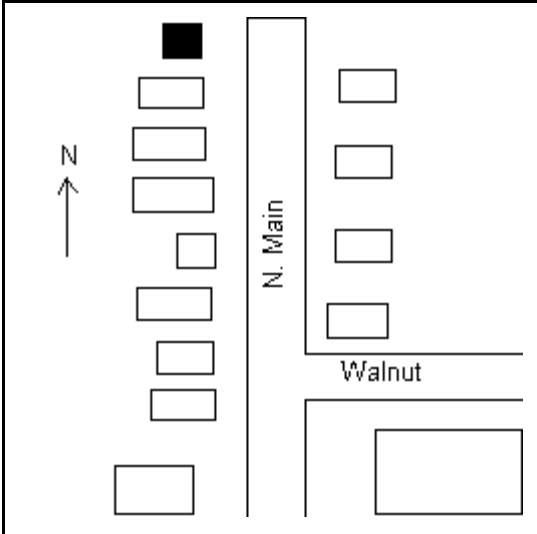
RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-02085-21		4. Present Name(s) rental property		LOR-0208 5-21
2. County Lorain		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Miller-Bedford-Skeens House		
6. Specific Address or Location 200, 202 North Main		19a. Design Sources		Lorain 2. County
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900075110035		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village Oberlin		21. Building Type or Plan Non-discernable House Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) rental property
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 398065 4572461 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Multiple Dwelling Single Dwelling Professional		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use RESIDENTIAL/DOMESTIC		6. Specific Address or Location 200, 202 North Main
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Private		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Dale A. Rider 14517 ST RT 58 Oberlin, OH, 44074		2. County Lorain
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage unknown		
16. Thematic Associations: Christianity Civil War PRIVATE/College		27. Other Surveys		4. Present or Historic Name(s) rental property
17. Date(s) or Period ca. 1900		28. No. of Stories Two story		
18. Style Class and Design No academic style - Vernacular		29. Basement? Yes		6. Specific Address or Location 200, 202 North Main
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Ashlar Stone, w/no water table		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame		2. County Lorain
		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
		33. No. of Bays 4 Side Bays 2		4. Present or Historic Name(s) rental property
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Clapboard or weatherboard		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>This duplex has a gable front and lateral extension. The front porch extends across nearly all of the facade (east). Square wood posts frame the steps and support the hipped roof. A pediment tops the roof above the steps. Two non-historic doors are located at the center of the porch: 200 on the left and 202 on the right. Near each door is a 'Chicago window'. The window on the right is set slightly back. The front-facing gable, at left, contains one 6/1 double hung window at left and two smaller 1/1 double hung windows at right in the second story. The gable is sided with decorative scallop shingles and there is a rectangular window with two lights in the gable. The cornice is angled at the gable. Above the door for 202, in the side-facing gable, is another 6/1 double hung window. The south elevation contains aligned 6/1 double hung windows, two in each story. The north elevation features two 6/1 double hung windows in the first story and three in the second, one at left and a pair on the right. The gable contains scalloped shingles and one rectangular fixed window.</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>According to city directories, a house has been located at this address since 1873. However, based on surrounding properties, massing, and city directory continuity, the current house may date to ca. 1900. The first known residents at this address were the Miller family in 1873, when the address was numbered 56 North Main. In that first year, the Millers also lived with Miss Julia M. Clay, who was at that time a student at Oberlin College. Rev. Daniel R. Miller attended Oberlin College in the second year of its existence, 1834 through 1836. He became a gospel minister and was married to Jane C. Miller. They had two daughters, Sarah (b. 1851) and Harriet A. (b. 1856). It is unknown if the daughters ever resided in the house. Rev. Miller lived at this address until his death in 1889. Jane continued...</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>This house is located on a state road that receives a large amount of traffic. There is a three-door garage to the rear of the house on the northwest portion of the property. It features a side gable roof, vertical wood siding and a side door at left.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center, City Directories, Oberlin Phone Books, Master Genealogist, and Past Perfect collections program; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com/auditorindex.shtml, Accessed 2009; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Oberlin, Ohio; 'Daniel R. Miller,' obituary, Oberlin News, 12/26/1889; 'Marilla McBride Clark,' obituary, Oberlin News, 12/28/1910, p. 1 c. 4; 'Bessie Mary Blake Married Charles Higbee Sanders,' Oberlin News, continued...</p>				
46. Prepared By: Liz Schultz		47. Organization: Oberlin Heritage Center		6. Specific Address or Location 200, 202 North Main
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 11/20/2009		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Two doors symmetrical

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable with lateral wing

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:



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

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Miller continued to live here through the early 1890s. By 1894, the Bellamy family had moved in. Richard Bellamy was a sewer contractor and lived here briefly with his wife Adelia and their son, Franklin L. They are only listed at this address in the 1894 directory. Marilla R. Clark (nee McBride) was also listed here from 1894 through 1896. She was in her 70s at the time and had attended Oberlin College in her youth. She was once married and had two children, Leila Edith and Winnie E. During the years of 1895-96, she shared lived with Mr. J. M. and K. Jackson. Mr. Jackson was a butcher. In 1897, the house was occupied by Elizabeth Blake and her daughter Bessie Mary Blake. Mrs. Blake had been a dressmaker before moving here. The Blakes shared the house with Ephraim P. Ralston, a traveling salesman, and his wife, Emma J. (nee Dawson). The Ralstons had four children, Chester Fairman (b. 1870), Mary Estella (b. 1871), Lou Ada (b. 1873), and Minneville Belle (b. 1875). Ephraim Ralston was a veteran of the Civil War and worked as an insurance agent before becoming a traveling salesman. By 1899-1900, the house had new occupants, the Morse family. Jennie M. Morse (nee Grimm) lived here with her eldest daughter, Edna Rosaline (b. 1882). She had two other children, Marion Blanche (b. 1884) and Frances Marie (b. 1885) with her husband, Franklin Eaton Morse. Jennie and Edna Morse were only listed here one year. In 1899 Mrs. Elizabeth Grimm, possibly Jennie Morse's mother, also lived in the house. In 1902, the house was occupied by Mrs. Lydia A. Rice (nee Brown). She lived here through 1910. Mrs. Rice had attended Oberlin College and was a widow of two husbands, William Townsend and Peter J. Rice. She shared the house with the Haynes family. The Haynes lived here from 1902 through 1920. George Haynes was born in England and had a wife named Alpharetta and a daughter named Hattie May. George primarily worked for the college, as an elevator man and janitor at Warner Hall. Hattie May was a student at the Oberlin College Conservatory. Alpharetta is not listed in the city directories at this house after 1904. In 1908, a bookkeeper named Bessie Shaffner also lived at this house. By 1927, the house was occupied by Dr. James E. Lacey, a veterinarian, whose wife Emma Jean from Ontario, Canada; she worked at Allen Hospital as household help. They had one daughter named Frances Jane who was born in 1904 and attended Oberlin High School. The Laceys lived here through 1929. In 1929, the house was also occupied by Albert G. Bedford, a retired farmer and his wife, Dora Evelyn. The Bedfords lived here several years, through 1948. In the mid-1940s, their granddaughter Sallie May Bedford lived at the house to study economics at Oberlin College. By 1933, the Bedfords shared the house with the Shanks family. Ray R. Shank was married to Alice Shank; they had a daughter named Carol Jean. Ray was an employee at Oberlin College and a salesman. Alice was also an employee at Oberlin College and Carol Jean was a stenographer. The Shanks lived here through 1939. Alfred Clark also shared the house between 1933 and 1938. He was a steamer and plumber for the T.O. Murphy Co. He moved to Findlay in the late 1930s-early 1940s with his wife and son, Jimmy (they eventually returned to Oberlin, but not to this house). In 1948, the Bedfords are listed sharing this space with Clyde J. Lindeman, a linewalker at East Ohio Gas Co., his wife Lorraine, and their son. New occupants are listed at this house in 1956. A clerk named R. J. Cook lived at 202 N. Main (possibly with his wife, Ruth). At 200 N. Main, Walter A. and Florence H. Reinhard lived here with their two children. Another set of new residents are listed in 1961: John H. Karr, an Oberlin School of Commerce teacher, and his wife Mildred L. Karr, a Green Acres secretary. They lived at 200 N. Main with student Margaret Karr (presumably their daughter). Mrs. Edith Southard, the retired widow of W. K. Southard lived at 202 N. Main. From 1970 through 1988, Robert L. Skeens is listed at 200 N. Main. He was the president and manager of Skeens Bookkeeping Service, Inc., also held in this house. From 1979 through 1988, Beatrice Skeens is also listed at this address. Bea Skeens worked for the College as a manager of the college's telephone system. In 1970 James D. and Karolyn Lee lived at 202 N. Main. James was a teacher for Oberlin City Schools, and Karolyn taught at Prospect Elementary School. In 1973 James De Brucque was the occupant of 202 North Main, followed by M. Sandrey (1984-1985), Barbara Giacopelli (1994), and Todd Hutlock (1998-1999). C. B. Smith lived in 200 N. Main from at least 1991 to 1994, followed by Jeremy Cooper in 2005. Dale A. and Constance N. Rider became the owners of 200 N. Main in 1987 and are the current owners. They were never listed as occupants, which indicates this is a rental property.

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45. Sources (Con't)

8/11/1909; 'Ephraim P. Ralston scalded in Boiler accident,' Oberlin News 2/27/1906; 'Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim P. Ralston celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary,' Oberlin News, 10/3/1917; 'Ephraim P. Ralston-Died,' Oberlin News 5/10/1923; 'Emma Ralston,' obituary, Oberlin News, 12/10/1925; 'Peter J. Rice,' obituary, Oberlin News, 6/13/1889; 'Lydia A. Rice,' obituary, Oberlin News, 12/27/1928; 'George Haynes,' obituary, Oberlin News, 5/15/1924; 'Veterinary Surgeon Locates to Oberlin,' Oberlin News, 8/9/1904; 'A Changing of the Guard,' Oberlin College Purchasing and Auxiliary Services, <http://www.oberlin.edu/purchase/past.html>, accessed 6/25/2007; 'Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shank Will Celebrate Golden Anniversary,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 3/9/1944, p. 5 c. 2; 'Many Join First Methodist Church During the Easter Season,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 4/0/1942, p. 3; 'Chester Ralston, Insurance Man, Dies Here at 84,' Oberlin News Tribune, 4/7/1955, p. 2; 'George B. Ralston, 61, dies in Phoenix Thursday,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 6/7/1962, p. 7B; 'Mr. and Mrs. Al Clark move,' Village Briefs, Oberlin News-Tribune, 1/20/1944, p.5 c. 2.