



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-02059-21
4. Present Name(s) rental property
2. County Lorain
5. Historic or Other Name(s) Briggs-McRoberts House
6. Specific Address or Location 176 South Main
19a. Design Sources
20. Contractor or Builder
35. Plan Shape Rectangular
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 900095104014
21. Building Type or Plan Bungalow
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct
7. City or Village Oberlin
22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling
17b. Some alteration
9. U.T.M. Reference
23. Present Use RESIDENTIAL/DOMESTIC
37. Window Type(s) 6 over 1
1 over 1
38. Building Dimensions 24' x 48'
10. Classification: Building
24. Ownership Private
39. Endangered? YES
By alteration
11. On National Register? NO
25. Owner's Name & Address, if known
Donna M. Waltz
176 S. Main St.
Oberlin, OH, 44074
40. Chimney Placement
Off center within roof surface
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO
26. Property Acreage unknown
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 20'
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)
27. Other Surveys
28. No. of Stories One and a half story
51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
16. Thematic Associations: EDUCATION
Public Safety
MANUFACTURING/INDUSTRIAL
29. Basement? Yes
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies
Structure Type
17. Date(s) or Period 1922-1927
17b. Alteration Date(s) Unknown
30. Foundation Material Rock-Faced concrete block
31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame
Date
18. Style Class and Design
No academic style - Vernacular
Clipped gable/jerkin head
Roof Material Asphalt shingle
Associated Activity
Element Colonial Revival
32. Roof Type
33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 2
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers
Historic (OHI)
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)
Aluminum or vinyl siding
Archaeological (OAI)
19. Architect or Engineer

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)
This one and a half story vernacular house has a front clipped-gable roof and faces east. The foundation of the house is rock faced concrete block. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The siding on the main portion of the building and porches appears to be aluminum. A rectangular porch at the front of the house is probably historic but not original. The porch is one story and has a flat roof that overhangs by about two feet and is likely covered with asphalt shingles. The metal porch door is centered with 1/1 fixed windows. Two 1/1 double hung windows are on each side of the porch door. Concrete steps and one iron railing lead up to the porch door. The main section of the house has a centered wooden door with 15 square glass lights, which is likely original. Pairs of 6/1 double hung windows are on each side of the door. The windows of each pair that are closest to the door are enclosed by the porch. The half story above has one centered 1/1 double hung window. The north face of the house appears to be two asymmetrical bays. The front bay has a pair of 1/1 double hung windows and the rear bay one 6/1 double hung window. The north face of the continued...

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6. Specific Address or Location

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)
A house used to stand on this lot from at least 1873 to 1910 and residents included shoemaker Augustus J. Rivers and family, several pastors of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Farrar, Curwood, Stetson, Frank, Lassen and Haylor families. It is unknown what happened to this first house. Based on Sanborn maps and city directories, the current house was built between 1922 and 1927, and the first known resident that year was Clarence A. Briggs, a carpenter, and his wife Cora. They only lived in the house for a few years, moving out by 1933. It was next purchased by the Spencer family. Glenn O. Spencer was a steam fitter and lived here with his wife Ethel and daughter Elaine Alice, who became a saleswoman. The Spencers left the house around 1940. At about the same time continued...

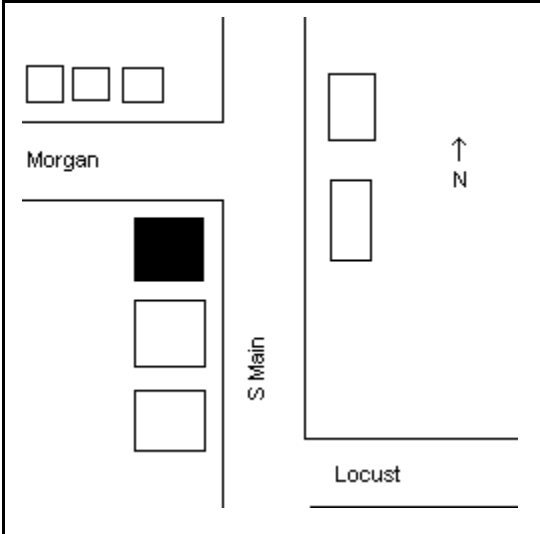
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)
The house is located at the southwest corner of Morgan and Main Streets. There is a two bay garage to the southwest of the house. The garage lacks doors and has a gabled roof over one bay that is connected to the hipped roof over the other bay. It is possible that this garage belongs to the next house, 182 South Main.

45. Sources of Information
Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center, City Directories, Oberlin Phone Book and Past Perfect collections program; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com/auditorindex.shtml, accessed 2009; Oberlin High School Obituaries, http://www.oberlin-high.org/obits/ohs_obits_o.html; 'Name 75 Men As Auxiliary Firemen', 2/9/1942, Oberlin News-Tribune, Pg. 1; Oberlin Rent Book: http://www.oberlin.edu/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/opirg/btsurvey.php?tu_id=186, accessed continued...

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single centered

Door Position:
Recessed

Orientation:
Gable end axis

Symmetry:
Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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

basement has one window with six lights. At the rear is a one story gabled extension or addition. The extension has a foundation of concrete blocks. The north face of the extension has a large plate glass window. The window and concrete suggest a later date of construction for this extension. The western face of the house was partially blocked from view. The first floor of the main section of the house has a 6/1 double hung window and the basement of the main section has a window with six lights. The gable is clipped in the rear as it is in the front. The south face of the house has a small porch or covered entry for a door to the rear extension. The porch has a concrete base and flat roof. The side door is a newer metal door with 1/1 double hung windows. To the west of the side door is a 1/1 double hung window. The south face of the main section of the house has a window in the basement with six lights and a window with two lights separated by a wooden panel. Going from west to east on the south face, the first floor as a pair of 6/1 double hung windows, one 1/1 double hung window, and a triplet of 1/1 double hung windows.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Howard McRoberts, a foundry worker, moved in with his wife Isabelle D., a teacher, and daughter Betty Jane. Howard was named an auxiliary member of the fire department in 1942. The McRoberts continued to own the house until about 1990. According to the county auditor website Glenn J. Waltz purchased the house around 1994 and likely used it as a rental property. Little is known about occupants from that time until 2005, when L. Zimmerman is listed in the telephone book. The current owner is Donna Waltz and Rita Waltz has been listed as a landlord. It was a student rental as of 2008, although it may no longer be.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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