

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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



1. No. LOR-1837-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1837-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.						
Roll No. 2		Picture No.(s) 13,14		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Thurston House		2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 196 S. Main Street		16. Thematic Associations: Civil War, Telephone/Telegraph,		28. No. of Stories One and a half story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900095104028		17. Date(s) or Period ca. 1930		17b. Alteration Date(s)		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village Oberlin		18. Style or Design Bungalow,		29. Basement? Yes		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		
		19a. Design Sources		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 398026 4571348 Zone Easting Northing		20. Contractor or Builder		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 3		
10. Classification:		21. Building Type or Plan Bungalow Dormer Front		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Running Stretcher bond		
11. On National Register?		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , ,		35. Plan Shape Square		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		23. Present Use Single Dwelling, ,		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		24. Ownership Private		37. Window Type(s) Other,		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		38. Building Dimensions 30' x 37'		
		26. Property Acreage .34		39. Endangered? By What?		
		27. Other Surveys		40. Chimney Placement Center		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Dist: 25' & Frontage: 50'		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 196 S. Main Street
<p>This house is a good example of a Front Dormer Bungalow. The bungalow features one and a half stories. The front elevation has a full-width inset porch also typical of the style. The front slope of the roof extends down to form the roof of the porch. The roof is held up with four evenly spaced wood posts. The front door is centered on the porch and is flanked by two double hung windows with three-over-three lights on each side. The front continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>This house was probably built between 1927 and 1933, the year when the Oberlin City Directory lists Harlow & Flavia House as residents. There was another house with the same address that disappears from the city directories after 1902. Harlow House was a telegraph operator and ticket clerk in Elyria. After Harlow's death, Flavia continued to live in the house until at least 1948. By 1956 Fred & Rita Mitro & their seven children were living here. Fred, Oberlin High School C/O 1934, was one of continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>The house is located on N. Main St. right across from where Locust intersects into Main St. There is a one car, detached garage that contains a door positioned on the left side, which seems to be built around the same time as the house. The pyramidal-roofed garage is located behind the house at the rear end of the property. The house is in good condition and it is surrounded by other well-maintained homes.</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.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com continued...</p>						
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<p>51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair</p> <p>52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies Historic Garage</p> <p>53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers</p> <hr/> <p>Door Selection: Single centered</p> <p>Door Position: Recessed</p> <p>Orientation: Lateral axis</p> <p>Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry</p> <hr/> <p>FOR OHPO USE:</p> <p>49. Revised By:</p> <p>50a. Date Revised:</p> <p>50b. Reviewed by:</p> <p>RPR Number:</p>	<p>54. Farmstead Plan</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 250px; width: 100%;"></div>
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

elevation also hosts a single centered front facing gabled dormer (with three, three-over-three double hung windows). The windows contain two mullions, which separate them into three-over-three, double hung windows, the common type of window on this house. The porch railing made of brick is constructed in such a way that it creates a screen. The exterior material on the dormer is horizontal wood siding, while much of the rest of the house is covered with a stone ashlar veneer. Above the stone is a brick veneer arranged in a stretcher bond pattern that can be seen on the side elevations of the home. The north elevation contains two windows and in the center a single fixed window on the lower half. Directly above the fixed window are two more windows situated side by side. Three small awning or hopper windows are also located in the stone foundation. Views of the south elevation are blocked by foliage. The house appears to be unaltered and has a chimney positioned in the center of the gable.

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the partners that owned the Mainland Sohio gas station that was also on S. Main St (O-High Alumni, City Directory). The Mitro's left sometime after 1961. Gustav Kesper, retired, lived here from about 1970-1980 (City Directory).

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

45. Sources (Con't)

y.com/auditor/index.shtml, Accessed 2004.; O-High Alumni, Internet, <http://www.oberlin-high.org/>, Accessed 2004.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee, 'A Field Guide to American Houses,' Alfred K. Knopf Inc., New York, 2000.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.

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