


# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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



1. No. LOR-1716-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1716-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen						
Roll No. 11		Picture No.(s) 23,24		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Morris House		2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 15 Morgan Street		16. Thematic Associations: College, General Merchandise,		28. No. of Stories Two story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-095-104-013		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1911-1922		17b. Alteration Date(s)		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village If Rural, Township & Vicinity 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)		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 398017 4571086 Zone Easting Northing		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		
10. Classification: Building		19a. Design Sources		32. Roof Type Gable with side gab Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
11. On National Register?		20. Contractor or Builder		33. No. of Bays 2 Side Bays Irregular		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Stucco		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , ,		35. Plan Shape Square		
		23. Present Use Single Dwelling, , ,		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved Yes		
		24. Ownership Private		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1, Casement		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		38. Building Dimensions 24 x 28		
		26. Property Acreage .14		39. Endangered? By What?		
		27. Other Surveys		40. Chimney Placement Off center within roof surface		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 15'		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 15 Morgan Street
<p>This vernacular home appears to have undergone a few alterations, which make the original style difficult to determine. The exterior of the house is covered in rough stucco, with virtually no ornament. The front porch extends from the center of the elevation to the left, with square supports and a wall, both covered in stucco. Cement steps lead to the porch, as well as an iron railing. The wall below the porch is slightly recessed from the continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>The first resident listed for this address in the city directory was Mrs. Cora Morris who lived here from 1927 until about 1929, even though the property card dates the house to 1910. A former owner believed the house was moved from the corner when the lot was split to make room for a new house on the corner; the old house (this one) was to be used for the mother-in-law of the owner of the new house (Surovy) The house was listed as vacant in 1933 and 1935. In 1937 R.E. Jamerson, an instructor in continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>A detached shed, in the form of a box, is located next to the house. The house appears to be in good condition, and is located among other residential structures. A church parking lot is located across the street.</p>						
45. Sources of Information						
<p>Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <a href="http://www.lorainc">http://www.lorainc</a> continued...</p>						

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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>Single centered</b>	
Door Position: <b>Recessed</b>	
Orientation: <b>Gable end axis</b>	
Symmetry: <b>Bilateral asymmetry</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)*

remainder of the house. The door is located near the center of the elevation, with a one-over-one window to the left. Above the very low, hip roof of the porch, a projecting bay contains a one-over-one window that extends into a wall dormer with a shed roof. One-over-one windows are located to the right of the porch at the first and second stories. The west elevation contains a one-over-one window at the left side of the first story, with a pair of casement windows to the right. The second story has one-over-one windows; the left window is larger. A louvered vent is located in the gable. At the far right of the elevation, the second story projects at the rear of the house and has corner windows. The east elevation contains two one-over-one windows in the second story and a louvered vent in the gable. A one-over-one window at the center of the first story, below the projecting second story.

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

physical education at Oberlin College, lived here with his wife, Anna. In 1939 John Whitney lived here. By 1942 Edward E. West, a storekeeper at Oberlin College lived here with his wife, Margaret who was secretary to the director of Admissions and was an administrative assistant to the dean of women (City Directory; Alumni Register Int. 54). Edward West sold the house to Isabelle McRoberts (date unknown), who rented the property out before selling it (Surovy). In 1988, Cathe Radabaugh bought the house from Isabelle McRoberts. According to Isabelle, the house was about 80 years old when she sold it to Cathe. Cathe is a senior analyst/programmer at Oberlin College and president of the board of trustees for the Oberlin Heritage and Improvement Organization.

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

*45. Sources (Con't)*

county.com/auditor/index.shtml, Accessed 2003.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Gordon, Stephen C., ' 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.; ' Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative Staff, (1833-1960),' Oberlin College, 1961.; Surovy, Maria, ' Email Correspondence with Cathe Radabaugh,' 2 January 2004, O.H.I.O. Building Files.

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**John & Marla Thompson House**

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