

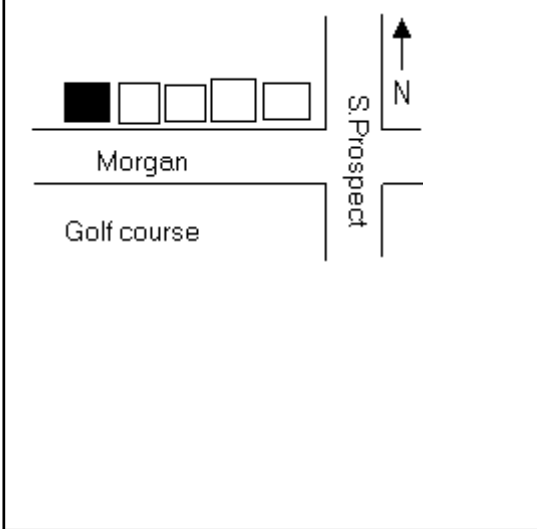


OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-1961-21		4. Present Name(s)		LOR-1961-21
2. County Lorain		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Thibo House, The Little Red Brick House		
6. Specific Address or Location 344 Morgan		19a. Design Sources Janice Thibo		Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900084110031		20. Contractor or Builder James Thibo		
7. City or Village Oberlin		21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type		2. County
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 396990 4571182 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Single Dwelling		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Private		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		6. Specific Address or Location
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage		
16. Thematic Associations: Architectural Materials Automobile Architect/Engineer/Builder Related		27. Other Surveys		344 Morgan
17. Date(s) or Period 1970		28. No. of Stories One story		
18. Style Class and Design Dominant Dutch Colonial Revival		29. Basement? Unknown		344 Morgan
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Brick bearing		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame		6. Specific Address or Location
		32. Roof Type Gambrel Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
		33. No. of Bays 5 Side Bays 2		344 Morgan
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Brick		
35. Plan Shape Square				
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct				
37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6				
38. Building Dimensions 33' x 41'				
39. Endangered? NO By What?				
40. Chimney Placement Center				
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 45' approx.				
51. Condition of Property: Excellent				
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Garage Date 1970 Associated Activity Original/Most significant construction				
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) The appearance of this Dutch Colonial Revival house is remarkable in its entirely brick exterior. The front (south) elevation includes a door at the center, with brick steps leading up to the door. The door is original, with filled panels and sidelights. The door sits within an arching doorway, though the arch is low (flattened). To both the left and right of the door, two 6/6 replacement windows have brick sills. Each window sits within low, brick archways. The east elevation has a door to the right of center, and it is also below an arch. Brick steps lead up to a small stoop at the door, and a metal railing and balustrade lead up to the porch. The second story appears to have two 6/6 windows, with arches above them (though this is obscured by trees). The side, gambrel roof has slight returns at its eaves. The west elevation has two, arched 6/6 windows at the second story. The first story is quite obscured, but it appears to have two 6/6 windows with arches.				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) This house is still owned by one of the original occupants. It was built by James Thibo, a mason from Avon, Ohio, for his family in 1970. Another house, built by 1897, stood on this site through 1969. That year retired Oberlin teacher Margaret Utterbael sold this property to James and Janice Thibo. 'Our plans were to remodel the house, replace the single care garage with a two car, and clear the property of lots of evergreen shrubs and wild rose bushes,' Janice said. 'When Jim started removing plaster, etc, he decided it would be less costly to build a new house.' Jan created the plans for the new house, Jim took a year off from work in order to devote every day to the project, and so they got started in 1970. Curious neighborhood kids would come by - one said, 'He's building a barn, but continued...				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) An original, brick, two-car (and two door) detached garage has a pyramidal roof. A stone hitching post sits at the edge of the property (at the street), and has '344' etched into its sides (this is a modern etching). This house is located on a residential street that receives little traffic				
45. Sources of Information Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture: College and Town,' Oberlin College, 1985.; O-High Alumni, Internet, http://www.oberlin-high.org, Accessed July 2006.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; 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 continued...				
46. Prepared By: Patricia Murphy		47. Organization: Oberlin Heritage Center		48. Date Recorded: 12/05/2006
49. PIR Reviewer:				50. PIR Review Date:

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow 	54. Farmstead Plan :	Door Selection: Single centered Door Position: Flush Orientation: Lateral axis Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry
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Report Associated With Project:

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

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

he's going to live in it.' Pictures that the Thibos took during the intermediate stages of construction indeed reveal a barn-looking structure. Lumber from an 'old one room school house on Hamilton' street was reused in its construction, and bricks from the 'old Prospect school' form the garage. In 1971 the Thibos moved into what everyone called 'The Little Red Brick House.' Jim worked as a millwright at Ford Motor Co. Cleveland Casting. The Thibos had two children, Gary and Carol. Gary graduated from Avon High in 1971 and enrolled in Lorain County Community College. He also assisted his father on another construction venture - a house at 251 S. Park - and moved in there upon its completion. For several years, while Carol taught pre-school at Episcopal Church and started a craft business, she and her daughter Shelly resided with here with the Thibos. Jim died on July 8, 1986.

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

45. *Sources (Con't)*

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