

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
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1. No. LOR-1747-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1747-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen						
Roll No. 14		Picture No.(s) 13,14		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Arnold House		2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 396 Morgan Street		16. Thematic Associations: College, Visual Arts, Residential		28. No. of Stories One and a half story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-084-110-024		17. Date(s) or Period 1948		17b. Alteration Date(s)		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village If Rural, Township & Vicinity Oberlin		18. Style or Design Modern Movements,		High Style Elements		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		29. Basement? Yes		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
		19. Architect or Engineer Paul Arnold/Franklin Scott		30. Foundation Material Poured concrete		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397072 4571177 Zone Easting Northing		19a. Design Sources		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
10. Classification: Building		20. Contractor or Builder Lee Ross/Paul Arnold		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
11. On National Register?		21. Building Type or Plan Split-Level		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays Irregular		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , ,		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Wood		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		23. Present Use Single Dwelling, ,		35. Plan Shape L-shaped		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
		24. Ownership Private		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Yes Moved		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1, Casement		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
		26. Property Acreage .30		38. Building Dimensions 25' x 40'		
		27. Other Surveys		39. Endangered? By What?		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
				40. Chimney Placement Off center within roof surface		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 30'		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 396 Morgan Street
<p>This modern split-level house features wood paneling in the lower half of the house and aluminum siding at the second story. The front door is located at the center of the facade and has a square sidelight to the right. The small porch has a flat roof and a square support. Two one-over-one windows are located above the door. To the right of the door, is a long, narrow window. The left side of the elevation is recessed, and louvered vents are continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 396 Morgan Street
<p>Paul Arnold completed the first version of this house in 1948 (Blodgett, 209). Paul was a professor at Oberlin College in Fine Arts (Alumni Register Int. 21). One interesting thing about this house is that Paul came up with his own plan and blueprints, and took them to professional architect Franklin Scott for approval. Not only did Paul design the house, but he also helped contractor Lee Ross build it (Blodgett, 209). Therefore, Blodgett credits the Arnolds with using the Do-it-Yourself ethic continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						6. Specific Address or Location 396 Morgan Street
<p>The house is in stable condition, as are the houses located to the east and west. A cemetery is located across the street from the house.</p>						
45. Sources of Information						6. Specific Address or Location 396 Morgan Street
<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, http://www.lorainc continued...</p>						
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51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Single off center

Door Position: Flush

Orientation: Gable end axis

Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

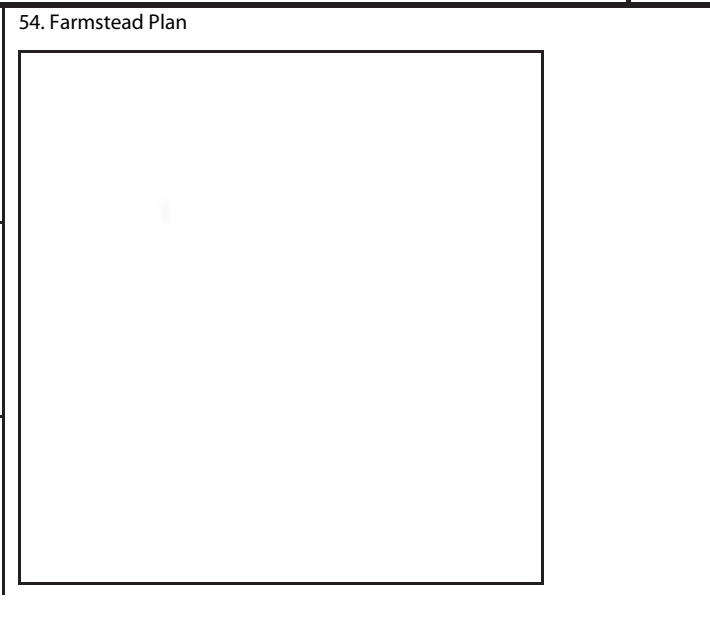
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

situated low in the elevation. Several single-paned windows follow the angle of the roof. The wide chimney is covered in random, rock-faced ashlar. A carport with a shed roof extends from the right side of the front elevation. The west elevation has five one-light replacement windows located to the far right of the recessed portion at the first story, and one-over-one replacement windows at the left and right corners. The area that is not recessed has single-paned windows and a door with multiple lights, located near the center. An extension at the far left has a flat roof and several large windows. The east elevation contains the carport. A square window is located to the right of the door and two large windows are visible at the basement. The second story has two single windows and two pairs of windows.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

to create one of Oberlin' s most innovative homes (Blodgett, 210). According to local historian Prue Richards, Paul & Sally Arnold raised four children in this house: Peggy, Tacy, Judy, & Kemper.

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.

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