

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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| 1. No. LOR-1748-21 | | 2. County Lorain | | 4. Present Name(s) | | 1. No. LOR-1748-21 |
| 3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen | | | | | | |
| Roll No. 8 | | Picture No.(s) 31,32 | | 5. Historic or Other Name(s) Westwood Cemetery Sexton House | | 2. County Lorain |
| 6. Specific Address or Location 429 Morgan Street | | 16. Thematic Associations: Funerary, World War II, Governmental Administrat | | 28. No. of Stories One and a half story | | |
| 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-094-101-003 | | 17. Date(s) or Period c. 1884 | | 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, | | High Style Elements | | |
| 8. Site Plan with North Arrow | | 18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) | | 29. Basement? Yes | | |
| | | 19. Architect or Engineer | | 30. Foundation Material Stone bearing | | |
| | | 19a. Design Sources | | 31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla | | |
| 9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 396833 4571111 Zone Easting Northing | | 20. Contractor or Builder | | 32. Roof Type Gable with side gab Roof Material Slate | | |
| 10. Classification: Building | | 21. Building Type or Plan Gabled Ell | | 33. No. of Bays 2 Side Bays 4 | | |
| 11. On National Register? | | 22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , , | | 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Wood shingles | | |
| 13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? | | 23. Present Use Single Dwelling, , , | | 35. Plan Shape L-shaped | | |
| 15. Other Designation (NR or Local) | | 24. Ownership Public | | 36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Yes Altered Moved | | |
| | | 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known City of Oberlin/Westwood Cemetery Assoc. 85 S. Main St. Oberlin, OH 44074 | | 37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1, 2 over 2 | | |
| | | 26. Property Acreage 27.5 | | 38. Building Dimensions 70 x 64 | | |
| | | 27. Other Surveys | | 39. Endangered? By What? | | |
| | | | | 40. Chimney Placement Off center within ridgeline | | |
| | | | | 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 30' | | |
| 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) | | | | | | 6. Specific Address or Location 429 Morgan Street |
| <p>This Gabled Ell house features decorative carved pieces in the gable of the east elevation, and below the porch. Also at the east elevation, a pair of double hung windows is located at both stories. Knee braces are situated below the gable and the plain cornice is carved at the bottom of the gable. The right side of the gable extends out and down to cover the porch, which has square supports and knee braces. Cement steps lead up to the porch. The continued...</p> | | | | | | |
| 43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) | | | | | | |
| <p>The history of this structure is closely tied to Westwood Cemetery, Oberlin's sole cemetery since 1864 (Bickel 3). The house was built c. 1884 to provide a residence for the caretaker/sexton of the grounds (Oberlin News). The first residents of this house were sexton Paul & A.S. Jensen & their children, Mattrup & Jensine from 1891-1901, when Mr. Jensen retired. In 1901, Joseph Feakins began his 25-year occupation as superintendent of Westwood (City Directory, Oberlin News). Joseph & Lou Feakins continued...</p> | | | | | | |
| 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) | | | | | | |
| <p>This house is in very good condition, and is located along the perimeter of a cemetery, which houses the graves of several local historical figures. A detached, one-car garage is located behind the house; it has a two-over-two double hung window in the north elevation and a hip roof.</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, http://www.lorainc continued...</p> | | | | | | |

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51. Condition of Property: Excellent

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Single off center

Door Position: Flush

Orientation: Gable with two story same height

Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

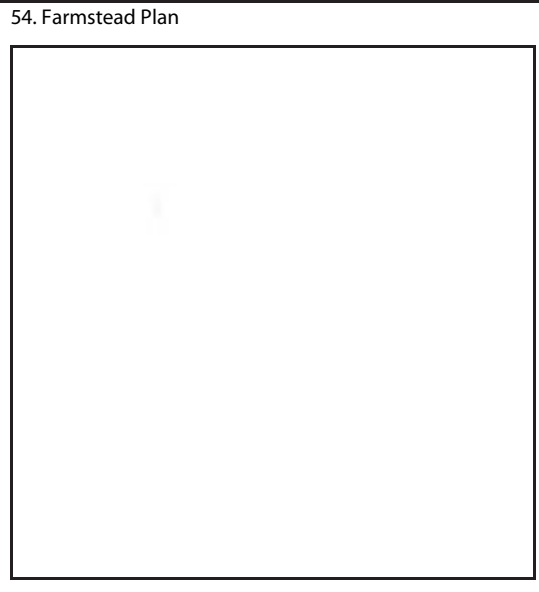
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

north elevation faces the street, and it contains the cross-gabled portion at the center of the elevation, which has a hip in the gable. Two over-two windows are located in the second story, and four of the same windows run across the first story. A door is located in the addition, which has a deck attached to it. The west elevation has a large, fixed window at the right side of the addition, with four-panel windows flanking it. Two two-over-two windows are visible in the original portion of the second story. The rear (south) of the house has two two-over-two windows at the original part of the house, and an addition extends from the left corner and contains a flat roof.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

lived here in what was known as the ' cemetery house,' with their children, Clifton, Zela, Harry & Glenn (City Directory). Feakins' assistant, Henry Slater also lived here, beginning in 1908 (City Directory). From 1926-46 no residents are recorded & the house & cemetery fell into disrepair, indicating that it may not have had a regular groundskeeper (Oberlin News). In 1944, the Oberlin Cemetery Association turned the cemetery over to the City of Oberlin. In 1946, after serving in WWII, Frank Zavodsky became the cemetery superintendent. He, his wife Carol, & daughters Barbara & Robin lived in the house, which was dilapidated after 20 years of neglect. They remodeled it, adding electricity, indoor plumbing & an extra room. During his years as Westwood sexton, Zavodsky held a number of other positions, such as Director of Public Works & Acting City Manager (Oral History, Oberlin News). Zavodsky retired from official service in 1984 but volunteered at the cemetery until his death in 1997 (Oberlin News). The current owner is the City of Oberlin & Westwood Cemetery Association(Property Card).

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.; Barb Bickel et al., eds., ' Westwood: A Historical and Interpretive View of Oberlin' s Cemetery, Oberlin, Ohio,' Oberlin Heritage & Improvement Organization, Oberlin, Ohio: 1997, p. 3, O.H.I.O. Resource Center.; ' Trustees plan caretaker cottage,' Oberlin News, 1884: 3.; ' Joseph H. Feakins, sexton for 25 years, resigns,' Oberlin News, 1926: 5.; ' Zavodsky worked as public servant,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 28 Jan. 1997, n. pag.; Oral History interview of Frank Zavodsky, conducted by Rob McLean, 1987, pp. 9-12. O.H.I.O. Resource Center.

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