



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

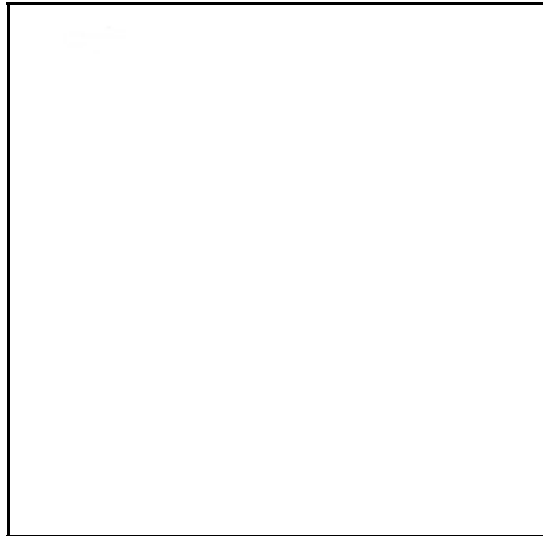
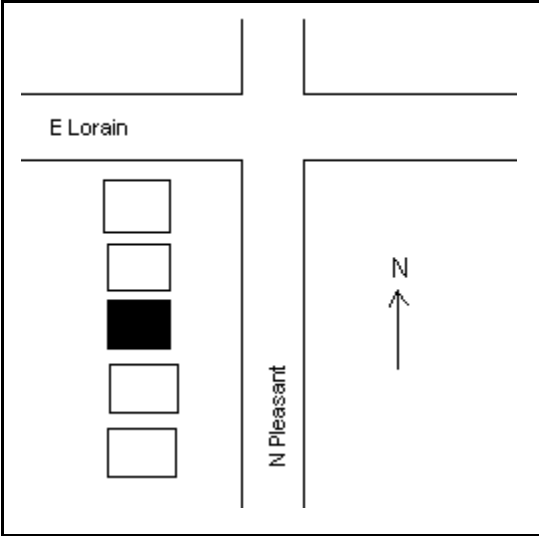
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>LOR-02077-21</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>rental property</b>		7-21 LOR-0207
2. County <b>Lorain</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Preston-Luikart House</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>70 North Pleasant</b>		19a. Design Sources		2. County <b>Lorain</b>
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number <b>900086101027</b>		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village <b>Oberlin</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Gabled Ell</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s) <b>rental property</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oberlin</b> <b>17 398216 4571817</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Single Dwelling</b> <b>Multiple Dwelling</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>RESIDENTIAL/DOMESTIC</b>		35. Plan Shape <b>Rectangular</b>
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		24. Ownership <b>Private</b>		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Oberlin College</b> <b>173 W. Lorain St.</b> <b>Oberlin, OH 44074</b>		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. <b>Original/Most significant construct</b> 17b. <b>Substantial alteration/addition</b>
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage <b>unknown</b>		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>Truck</b> <b>World War II</b> <b>MANUFACTURING/INDUSTRIAL</b>		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) <b>2 over 2</b> <b>Other</b>
17. Date(s) or Period <b>ca. 1894</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Two story</b>		
18. Style Class and Design <b>No academic style - Vernacular</b> <b>Element Shingle</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		38. Building Dimensions <b>26' x 45'</b>
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Stone bearing</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction <b>Balloon/western/platform frame</b>		39. Endangered? <b>YES</b> By What? <b>Proposed Green Arts District</b>
		32. Roof Type <b>Gable</b> Roof Material <b>Slate</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>3</b> Side Bays <b>4</b>		40. Chimney Placement <b>Gable end, exterior</b>
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Aluminum or vinyl siding</b>		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>This vernacular house has somewhat of a gabled ell plan. At facade (east), the front-facing gable is at the right with two 2/2 double hung windows in the second story. The attic also has a vent and a pediment. Left of the gable, in the roof, a gabled dormer has a square window. The full front porch has been enclosed with screens. The screens sit on a vinyl-sided half-wall. Wood steps with metal railings lead up to the outer door at the left. Within the porch, the door is at the left. Also within the porch, 2/2 double hung windows are at the right and center. The south (gabled) elevation has an exterior chimney near the center and 2/2 double hung windows at the right side of the first and second stories. Also, two 2/2 double hung windows are at the left side of the first story and a single 2/2 double hung window is left of the chimney at the second story. The gable has a full pediment, which projects out slightly over the first story. The first story has a rear addition and a shed roof, as well as a pair of 1/1 double hung windows. At the first story of the north elevation, the left side has a 2/2 double hung window. At the right, a projecting, boxy bay has a hip continued...</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>The first known occupants of this house were T. C. and Ella Fleming who lived here in January of 1894. They lived here with their son, Dio Chalmers Fleming (b.1872), who attended the Oberlin Academy from 1892-1894 and later went on to become an electrical engineer. The later 1894 city directory lists Mrs. Lydia B. Chamberlain (b. 1827, NY) living here. She lived here through 1896 and in 1895 she was joined by her nephew Edsell's daughter, Cora B. Chamberlain (b. 1860 in Ohio). Cora attended the Oberlin College Preparatory school from 1881-1882. The 1897 city directory lists Seth S. Houghton (b. 1845, Spencer, Ohio; d. 1917, Oberlin). Seth attended Oberlin College Preparatory school from 1866-1867. He worked as a portrait painter and artist. He married Esther J. (nee Boone; b. 1850, Ohio; continued...</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>A possibly-historic, but altered, garage is included on the house's property. The garage has two single-car doors with horizontal windows and a vent in the gable. The house is located on a residential street near single-family and multi-resident dwellings. The house is located on a block that is threatened by demolition to make way for Oberlin College's proposed Green arts District.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center, City Directories, Oberlin Phone Book and Past Perfect collections program; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <a href="http://www.loraincounty.com/auditorindex.shtml">http://www.loraincounty.com/auditorindex.shtml</a>, accessed 2009; 'Dayton L. Preston,' Obituary, Chicago Tribune, 5/1/1975; 'Louis H. Luikart,' Obituary, Morning Journal, Lorain, 6/25/2003; 'Ellen Birdseye Hatch,' Obituary, Oberlin Alumni Magazine, August 1947, Pg. 25; 'George Birdseye Hatch,' Obituary, Oberlin Alumni continued...</p>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Liz Schultz</b>		47. Organization: <b>Oberlin Heritage Center</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>70 North Pleasant</b>
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: <b>11/20/2009</b>		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:  
**Single off center**

Door Position:  
**Recessed**

Orientation:  
**Gable end axis**

Symmetry:  
**Bilateral asymmetry**

Report Associated With Project:

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

roof and a pair of 2/2 double hung windows. In the second story, the original portion of the house has two 2/2 double hung windows. To the right, there are three additions to the house; two extend to the rear and one extends to the north. This north addition is very short and has a 2/2 double hung window (its muntins run horizontally, rather than vertically, as in all other 2/2 windows in this house). Above the small north addition, the house has a horizontal sliding window.

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d. 1922, Oberlin) and they had two children. Their son, Emory/Emery A. (b. 1872, d. 1948), worked as a carpenter, painter, and decorator. Their other son, Fred Seth (b. 1876, d. 1963), worked at the Oberlin Steam Laundry, as a stationary engineer, and as a carpenter. The next known occupants, the Phelps, lived here from 1899 through 1902. Mrs. Emma Phelps (b. 1845, Ohio) lived here with her two children: Frances 'Fanny' Adella (b. 1876) and Bert H (b. 1882). Fanny was a teacher and had attended the Oberlin College Conservatory (1896-1901); she moved to Park City, Utah in 1908 after marrying her husband, J. Maurice Martin in 1905. Bert worked at Morris' meat market. The 1904 city directory lists the Wait(e) family at this house. Hubert (b. 1849, Ohio) was a milkman, grocery clerk and merchant. He worked at Wait Brothers grocers, located at 11 S. Main, while living at this house. His wife Elizabeth 'Bessie' (nee Blackney; b. 1852, CT) was a member of the Nancy Squire Chapter of the Oberlin D.A.R. and had attended the Oberlin Academy (1864-1865). They had two children, Horace and Florence, who both attended Oberlin High School. Horace Gaylord (b. 1881, Hinckley, Ohio) attended the Oberlin Academy (1899-1900) and Oberlin College (1901-1902). Florence Thalia (b. 1884, Hinckley; d. 1980) lived in this house. She attended the Oberlin Academy and once claimed her family moved to Oberlin, 'for the purpose of providing better educational opportunities for us.' From 1908 through 1910, Mrs. Mary J. Anderson (widow of George Anderson; b. 1856, Ohio) lived here with her cousin, Adelaide I. Wilcox (widow of Lucien Harland Wilcox, a naval captain). Adelaide (b. 1853, NY) had previously worked as a seamstress and a matron for Stewart Hall. She also had two children, Ruth and Lucien Harland (b. 1887). Lucien lived in this house in 1908 and was a salesman. By 1916, the Hatch family lived here. Fred Milton Hatch (b. 1877, IL; d. 1932, Oberlin) attended the Oberlin College Academy (1896-1905) and was seen as a prominent athlete; he played football for Oberlin College. He was a railway mailclerk while living in this house, but had worked as a teacher. In 1905 he married Ellen Hayden (nee Birdseye, b. 1880, NY; d. 1947, Oberlin). Ellen attended Oberlin High School and Oberlin College (1897-1903), where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees. She became a teacher of physical education at the college, a position she held while living in this house. She was later the Director of Recreation at the college, and the Director of Recreation of the Theological Quadrangle at the College. She was seen as a pioneer in the field of recreation because Oberlin was one of the first colleges to have an all-college recreation program. In 1930-31 she was the dean of college women. Fred and Ellen Hatch had a son, George Birdseye 'Chicken.' George attended Oberlin High School and Oberlin College. He went on to become a chemist. By 1920, a new resident, Mrs. Sadie MacClellan, lived here. Sadie was a seamstress. By 1927, the Preston family had moved into the house and remained here through 1945. Ray Lambert Preston (b. 1886, Pittsfield, Ohio; d. 1945, Oberlin) had been a teamster and drayman and worked at the Carver-Kennedy Lumber Company before moving into this house. While living here, he worked in trucking and owned Preston and Dawley Trucking Company, which were known around town for their red paint and large size. His partner was Wilton Dawley. During World War II, Ray was appointed to serve on the gasoline rationing board for the Oberlin vicinity. He was also a member of the Oberlin Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years and a member of both the Oberlin Blue Lodge No. 219 and the Oberlin Masonic F and A.M. No. 380. Ray married Fay L. (nee Daugherty; b. 1888, Ohio, d. 1972, IL). She was trained by the American Red Cross during World War II and later went on to become a nurse. The couple had a son, Dayton Lambert (b. 1911, d. 1975, IL), who attended Oberlin High School. Following the Prestons, the Luikarts occupied the house from 1948 through 1973. Louis Henry Luikart (b. 1913, Russia Twp; d. 2003, Elyria) attended Oberlin High School and the Oberlin Business School. He served as a corporal during World War II in the US Army Air Force and flew over Italy and North Africa where he earned two Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Ribbon. He married Dorothy (nee Becker) in 1942 and returned home in 1945 and shortly thereafter they occupied this house. While in Oberlin, Louis worked as a mechanic at Dietz in Elyria and as an electrician in Elyria at Bendix-Westinghouse. Louis and Dorothy had a son, Larry, and two twin daughters who passed away when they were young. Thomas L. McKenna, Jr. lived here from at least 1979 to 1985. From 1987 through 2006, the county auditor cites Lisa Waltz as the owner, but she apparently did not live here (she is listed elsewhere in phone books). Rachael Sarto lived here from about 2003 to 2005. Since 2006, Oberlin College has owned this rental property.

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

45. *Sources (Con't)*

Magazine, May/June 1973, Pg. 44-45; 'Florence Thalia Waite,' Obituary, Oberlin Alumni Magazine, Summer 1981, Pg. 43; 'Oberlin Nurse is Soldier's Bride,' Oberlin News Tribune, 8/13/1942, Pg. 4; 'Pittsfield News,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 4/23/1942, Pg. 7; 'Oberlin In Uniform,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 11/8/1945, Pg. 4; 'O.C. McKee, D.M. Love and Ray Preston Named By Fauver,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 10/1/1942, Pg. 1; 'Oberlin Fire Department Has New Chiefs,' Oberlin News Tribune, 8/19/1943, Pg. 1; 'award 1st Aid Certificates to 18 Tonite,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 4/24/1941, Pg. 1; 'Well Known Oberlin Business Man Dies,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 10/18/1945; 'Esther Boone Houghton,' Obituary, Oberlin News, 3/29/1922, Pg. 1 Col. 6; 'Seth S. Houghton,' Obituary, Oberlin News, 7/18/1917, Pg. 1 Col. 6; 'L.H. Wilcox,' Obituary, Oberlin News, 1/12/1893, Pg. 8, Col. 4; 'Fred Milton Hatch - Ella Hayden Birdseye,' Oberlin News, 9/19/1905, Pg. 8, Col. 4; 'Ray C. Preston Married Faye L Daugherty,' Oberlin News, 11/25/1908, Pg. 5, Col. 5.