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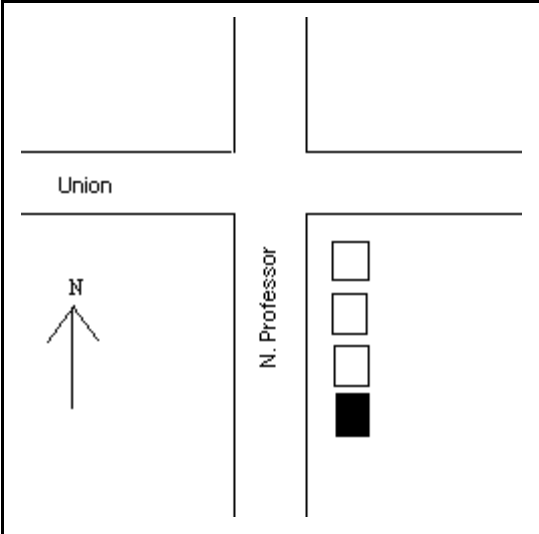
RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-02205-21		4. Present Name(s) Rental Property		5-21 LOR-0220
2. County Lorain		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Taylor-Regent House		
6. Specific Address or Location 211 North Professor		19a. Design Sources		2. County Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900075110015		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village Oberlin		21. Building Type or Plan American foursquare		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Rental Property
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397899 4572499 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling Dormitory Apartment House		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use RESIDENTIAL/DOMESTIC		35. Plan Shape Square
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Private		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Jo L. Huber 82 E. College St. Oberlin, OH, 44074		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b.
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage 0.55		
16. Thematic Associations: Residential PRIVATE/College Apartment Building		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) Modern Replacements Other
17. Date(s) or Period ca. 1897		28. No. of Stories Two story		
18. Style Class and Design No academic style - Vernacular		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions 41' x 51'
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame		39. Endangered? YES By What? alterations
		32. Roof Type Hip Roof Material Slate		
		33. No. of Bays 4 Side Bays 3		40. Chimney Placement Off center within roof surface
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Asbestos/asphalt siding		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)				
<p>This vernacular house has somewhat of a foursquare plan. This house has been historically altered to the point that its original style cannot be discerned. The full front porch at the west facade has large square supports and simple wood balusters, which extend to the ground. Cement steps with metal railings lead to the porch. Within the porch, at the far left, a pair of 1/1 windows are double hung. The door is left of center, and is obscured by a modern screen. Another pair of 1/1 double hung windows are at the right. The second story has a pair of 1/1 double hung windows at the left and right. At the center, three square windows have decorative muntins; the muntins are primarily vertical, but angle into intersecting points at the top. A gable in the attic, at the right, has a full cornice, which is covered in slate shingles. The bricks of the chimney are shaped into a decorative pattern. At the north elevation, the first story has a square window at the right, with decorative muntins that match the square windows at the west elevation. Above it is a 1/1 double hung window in the second story. A gable above them has a vent and full cornice, which is covered continued...</p>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)				
<p>This building appears to have been a single-family residence for working-class families in its early years and then a dormitory and apartment house in more recent years. There has been a house listed at this address since 1873, although it is likely that the house currently standing at 211 North Professor does not date back to that time. 1870s maps show a footprint that does not match the current plan of the house, which could mean the old structure was incorporated into a new building, or, more likely, completely replaced. Prior to city numbering changes, this address was 47 North Professor Street. The first known residents here were the Bonsor family, including Charles E., a brick mason, and wife Anna (nee Watts), and children Walter A., brick mason, Matilda E., dressmaker, Mary E., continued...</p>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)				
<p>This house is located on a residential street. A historic, detached garage has drop/novelty wood clapboard siding and a gable. The garage has two single-car doors. At the right, a lean-to with a shed roof includes another single-car door.</p>				
45. Sources of Information				
<p>O-High Alumni, Internet, http://www.oberlin-high.org, Accessed December 2010; City Directories, Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center; Holsworth, Pat. Oberlin Pioneer Database; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Gordon, Stephen C. 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory.' Columbus: Ohio Historical Society, 1992; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' New York: Alfred K. Knopf Inc., 2000; 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative continued...</p>				
46. Prepared By: Liz Schultz		47. Organization: Oberlin Heritage Center		6. Specific Address or Location 211 North Professor
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 12/31/2010		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single off center

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Other

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:



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

with slate shingles. At the first story of the south elevation, a large 1/1 double hung window is at the left; near the center, there are two 1/1 double hung windows. At the second story, two windows with decorative muntins, as noted in the west elevation, are at the left; a pair of 1/1 double hung windows is near the center. At the rear (southeast) corner of the house, a two-story wing has a hip roof, but also a south-facing gable with a full cornice, which is covered in slate shingles. The south elevation of the wing is obscured by foliage. The west elevation of the wing, at the first story, is slightly recessed and has a door that opens to a small porch, which has brick steps and cement caps. The door has a window in its upper portion and filled, wood panels below. A small window is above the porch, in the second story.

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Frank, farm laborer, Augustus, farm laborer, Charles E., farm laborer, and Fred and Harry at school. According to a biography for Frank, Charles and Anna Bonsor had both immigrated from England and lived in Oberlin for approximately 18 years. The family moved to Oberlin during the Civil War in a covered wagon. The Bonsor family oversaw the construction of the E. J. Goodrich and Henry Blocks, Carter Building, Carpenter Building, Ladies Society and Call Buildings, Morris Building, Wooster Block, and the Town Hall, in addition to many houses. The Bonsor family later oversaw construction of many brick buildings in Lorain as well and several generations became brick masons. The Bonsor family are listed here 1873 through 1883. The next known resident was Edmund W. West in 1886, along with his wife Jane H. (nee Bacon) and children Fannie and Mary. In 1894 Mrs. Candace Miles and her daughter Grace also lived with the Wests. At one time the Wests operated a student boarding house on North Professor Street, very likely at this location. From 1895 to 1896 the address is listed in city directories but there are no tenants. It is possible that this is when the current structure was built. The Taylor family then lived here from approximately 1897 to 1904. Dr. Wallace Taylor was a medical missionary and he and his wife Mary (nee Wisner), both Oberlin College graduates, had several children: T. Maynard, William H., Carl C., John W., Harriett A., and Robert M. Several of the children had been born in Japan. From about 1908 through 1910 the Severy family lived here. Joseph W. Severy owned a grocery on South Main Street along with Carmel Sage and lived here with wife Della and children Dorothy, Holland, Leslie, Delsey, Warren, and Rena. Mrs. Amelia Snyder, a cook, also lived here in 1908. Della Severy filed for divorce in 1910, citing cruelty and neglect, and later married Harold W. Pyle. Joseph then sued Pyle for 'alienation of affections.' A Harry Wright was listed in the 1916 city directory. In 1920 the Bowen family was listed in the census: George H. Bowen, captain of a lake freighter, Charlotte C. S., and children Geraldine, Robert W. S., and Georgia. Captain Bowen was later awarded for his professional career, having never had a loss or damage to any of his vessels. The Vanderlips were listed in city directories from 1927 through 1933: Frank E., janitor at the Allen Memorial Art Museum of Oberlin College, Mary E., daughter Ruth, a musical composer, and son Howard, a typist at the time. In 1933 Howard Waters, another janitor, lived here with them. W. E. Utterback, professor of public speaking, was listed along with his wife Margaret and two daughters in the 1935 city directory. The White family was listed from 1937 to 1942: S. J. White, custodian at Oberlin College, wife Frankell (nee Wade), a long-time resident of Oberlin, son Bertram 'Wade,' and daughter Laura 'Jane.' For a short period, approximately 1939 through 1943, this house was also listed as a men's dormitory called 'Regent House,' with the Whites still as residents. The only resident listed in 1944 is Henry D. Laisy. After the 1940s residency changes frequently, indicating this was probably a boarding or apartment house. In 1948 Elwood and Beulah Woodling (traveling salesman), Albert and Florence Blum (Graystone Hotel clerk), and George and Wilma Ellis (retired) were residents. In 1956 Herbert and Ruth Rogers (General Motors) and Clair and Lillian Searles (foreman B. F. Goodrich, beautician) were listed. In 1961 John K. and Nancy J. Crosby (salesman), Ermald Cunningham (hygienist R. A. Phipps), and Robert E. Neil (instructor at Oberlin College) were residents. Jo Huber, the current owner, has owned the property since 1969 and always maintained it as a rental. She stated that John and Mary Wood had owned it previously and also operated it as a rental. In 1970 Ralph Kluter was listed as a resident of 211 North Professor and Thomas and Susan Meek were listed at 211 1/2 North Professor. This appears to be the only time the address is split. In 1973 residents included Scott Bergeson, Horace Emery, and Teresa Sivinski. Residents in the 1980s and 1990s included the following: Mark Hardesty, Gerald Meluch, J. R. Taylor, Michael Ebeling, Richard Tear, Amy Adelman, Jason Nicholoff, and Ngina Kiarie. The owner as of 2010 is Jo Huber.

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Staff, (1833-1960). Oberlin: Oberlin College, 1961; Lorain County Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed December 2010; 'Frank E. Bonsor,' Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Huron and Lorain, Ohio, 1894. Chicago: J. H., Beers & Co. Pages 1134-1135; 'W. A. Bonsor, 70, City Pioneer, Is Taken By Death,' Un-sourced clipping People Files, Oberlin Heritage Center; 'Della A. Severy, Sues for Divorce,' Oberlin News, June 29, 1910.\n'Joseph Severy,' Sues Harold W. Pyle for Alienation of Affections,' Oberlin News, November 9, 1910; 'Joseph H. Severy Dies in Montana,' Oberlin News-Tribune, March 26, 1942; 'F. E. Vanderlip Dies; Funeral At Madison,' Oberlin New-Tribune, July 9, 1942.\n'Ruth Vanderlip, Arthur Williams Made Members of N.A.A.C.C.,' Oberlin News-Tribune, September 20, 1945; 'Obituary: Frankell White,' Unknown Source, March 17, 1992. Copy held by the Oberlin Heritage Center; 'Death of Miss West,' Oberlin News, December 31, 1925' 'Death Comes to Esteemed Oberlin Man,' Oberlin News-Tribune, April 17, 1930; Oral History Interview of Frankell White, collected by the Oberlin Oral History Project. People Files, Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center, 1984; Jo Huber, personal communication, January 11, 2011.