

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 E. Hudson St. Columbus, Ohio 43211
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1. No.		2. County LOR	4. Present Name(s) The Ivy Tree Inn and Garden		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Ctr.			5. Historic or Other Name(s) Finley House, Dick House, Hutchins House, Lytle House, Malone House, Salo House		
Roll #	Exp. #	Facing			
Front 3	14				
S. Side 3	15				
6. Specific Address or Location 195 South Professor Street			17. Date(s) or Period pre-1870	17b. Alteration Date(s) 1889, 1956	30. Foundation Material Sandstone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-095-104-002			18. Style or Design Queen Anne	High Style <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Balloon Frame/Western Frame/Platform
7. City or Village If Rural, Township & Vicinity Oberlin			18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) Queen Anne	Elements <input type="checkbox"/>	32. Roof: Type Hip Pitch Steep Material Slate, Imbricated
8. Site Plan with North Arrow			19. Architect or Engineer Unknown	19a. Design Sources Unknown	33. No. Bays Front 4 Side irregular
			20. Contractor or Builder Unknown	21. Building Type or Plan Other House	34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Wood, Clapboard with end boards; Wood, Shingle
			22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling	23. Present Use Bed and Breakfast	24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name			25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered, Minimal
Zone	Easting	Northing	37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6		38. Bldg. Dims. 62 x 49 ft.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object			39. Endangered? No Explain:		40. Chimney Placement Three or More Chimneys
11. On National Register ? No		12. N.R. Potential ? No	26. Property Acreage .38		41a. Distance from road approx. 45'
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		14. Dist. Potential ? Yes	27. Other Surveys in Which Included No		41b. Frontage on road 99 ft.
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)			28. No. of Stories 2 and 1/2		
16. Thematic Association(s) Political/Social Movements - Abolition; Commerce -			29. Basement? Yes		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This bright house retains most of the delicate Queen Anne decoration that was added in 1889. The hip roof has one large gable projecting from the façade and one projecting from each side. Each gable end has an undulating pattern of shingles under its peak, and the chimney has quite ornate brickwork. The stylistic front porch covers the first floor of the front-facing gable, and has narrow turned-wood columns and a cornice decorated with wood cutouts and pairs of dentils. The front door is trabeated with sidelights and a transom. All of the windows have functional shutters, and a few have a border of small, decorative panes and a carved-wood festoon below the sill. A large gabled, rectangular wall dormer projects out from the second floor (cont.)					
43. History and Significance This house was built before 1870 and housed P. H. Finley, the captain of a boat that shipped iron ore on the Great Lakes, who retired from shipping in 1883 to become a meat dealer (Blodgett). By 1889, grocer Matthew G. Dick had remodeled the house extensively and moved in, along with his wife, Irene J., and their children (Blodgett and City Directories). In addition to being a grocer, Matthew Dick stepped in to serve as mayor of Oberlin when Alfred Fauver died before completing his term in 1904 (Phillips). The Dick family lived here until moving next door to the north around 1908, and Professor William J. Hutchins and (cont.)					
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) The house sits on a hill above Professor Street, surrounded by a carefully landscaped yard which includes a large garden. The house shares a driveway with 207 S. Professor, and there is a small garage in the south side of the backyard.					
45. Sources of Information Blodgett, Geoffrey. <u>Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to its Social History</u> . Oberlin College, 1985. O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin City Directories. Lorain County Courthouse, Auditor Property Records, 2001. Internet. http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml . Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files. O.H.I.O. Resource Center Files. Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pat Holsworth, Oberlin Pioneer Database. Oberlin College Yearbooks. Nat Brandt, <u>The Town That Started the Civil War</u> , 1990.					
46. Prepared by H. Petersen, M. Franck, D. Musson, and O.H.I.O. Interns					
47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.					
48. Date Recorded 12/16/2002					49. Revised by
50a. Date Revised					50b. Reviewed by

51. Condition of Property

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruin
<input type="checkbox"/> Good/Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed/Burned
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	Date _____

54. Farmstead Plan



52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Crib or Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Silo
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke House	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring House	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice House
<input type="checkbox"/> Designed Landscape Features	<input type="checkbox"/> Privy	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) _____

OAI Completed? _____

Archaeological Feature:	Observed	Expected on Basis of Archival Research
Well	_____	_____
Privy	_____	_____
Cistern	_____	_____
Foundation	_____	_____
Structural Rubble	_____	_____
Formal Trash Dump	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

of the façade, held up by three intricately-carved brackets. The long cross-gable on the south side of the house has a side door under a small stylistic porch on its front side, and a back door under another small porch on the other side.

43. History and Significance (Continued from page 1.)

his son Robert took their place at 195 S. Professor by 1910 (Directories). Hutchins taught homiletics in Oberlin' s Graduate School of Theology before leaving Oberlin to become president of Berea College in Kentucky, and his son Robert went on to serve as president of the University of Chicago (Blodgett). By 1927, Conservatory professors Victor and Josephine Lytle lived in the house, and stayed until 1942 (Directories). In 1943, G. Art Salo, proprietor of the Salo Tree Service, and his wife Mildred moved into the house (Blodgett and Directories).

This is the former site of the home of bookstore owner and Sunday School superintendent James M. Fitch, who, because of his abolitionist activity, was imprisoned in 1859 for the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue (Brandt).