



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
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1. No.	2. County <b>LOR</b>	4. Present Name(s) Talcott Hall		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded												
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Talcott House														
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6. Specific Address or Location 2 South Professor		17. Date(s) or Period 1886-7	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Stone												
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 09-00-085-107-024		18. Style or Design Queen Anne	High Style <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Stone Bearing												
7. City or Village Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) Elements <input type="checkbox"/>		32. Roof: Type Gable Pitch Steep Material												
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer Frank Weary and George Kramer		33. No. Bays Front irregular Side												
		19a. Design Sources		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Stone, Rock-Faced Ashlar												
		20. Contractor or Builder		35. Plan Shape Other												
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Building Type or Plan Other Building		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered, Minimal												
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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>														
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		23. Present Use College Dormitory		38. Bldg. Dims.												
11. On National Register ? Yes		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		39. Endangered? No Explain:												
12. N.R. Potential ?		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Oberlin College 135 West Lorain Street Oberlin OH 44047		40. Chimney Placement Multiple Random												
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		26. Property Acreage 0.910		41a. Distance from road												
14. Dist. Potential ? No		27. Other Surveys in Which Included McQuillin (75)		41b. Frontage on road (corner)												
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local) NR: Oberlin College thematic nomination		28. No. of Stories 2 and 1/2														
16. Thematic Association(s) Education: Parochial/private: Higher		29. Basement? Yes														
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This three-and one-half-story, split-faced ashlar sandstone, dormitory is an example of the Queen Anne Style. The roof has multiple gable ends along an L-shaped footprint. A six-sided, steep pitched, cone roof with finial towers is above the three-sided main entrance on the northeast corner of the building. A flight of steps leads to the main entrance porch emphasizing the building's high foundation. The main entrance double doors have a pattern of small square lights surrounding a central expanse of clear glass and a transom that repeats the pattern. Decorative elements include thick bands of carved stone leaves and flowers spanning the gable ends, and decorative woodwork along the edge of the gable end. The windows of the first story are longer than (cont.)																
43. History and Significance Construction of Talcott Hall began in August, 1886. It was named in honor of Mr. James Talcott, of New York City, who gave \$20,000 to supplement the funds received from the insurance on the Ladies Hall (Second) which had been destroyed in a fire in January, 1886. It is located on the same site as the Ladies Hall (Second). The total cost, including furniture, was \$65,000. , the architects were Weary and Kramer, of Akron. In 1903 Talcott provided room and board for 70 women and an equal number of men received their meals there. Talcott was also the home for the Dean of Academy Women and the office for the Dean of Women. The rent for a room was \$45 to \$60 per year (-----)																
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) This building is located on the corner southwest corner of South Professor and College Streets, diagonally across from Tappan Square. It is centrally located for campus foot traffic.																
45. Sources of Information Lorain County Courthouse: Lorain County tax records. O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files; General Catalogue of Oberlin College, 1908; The Oberlin News-Tribune, March 29, 1935.																
46. Prepared by M. Fedelchak Harley; L. Preville																
47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.																
48. Date Recorded 10-14-2000				49. Revised by												
49. Revised by																
50a. Date Revised				50b. Reviewed by												
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51. Condition of Property

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruin
<input checked="" 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	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Privy	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Cistern	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Foundation	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Structural Rubble	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Formal Trash Dump	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Other _____	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>

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

those on the other stories; all windows are double-hung. The top lights of the windows of the first floor common rooms have leaded, stained glass, while the others have multi-paned clear glass. The rear of the building lacks the details found on the front. The interior has a dining hall and multiple grand staircases. Some of the original ash woodwork still exists in the moldings around doors and windows. This building has been maintained with regular renovations.

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

(OC General Catalogue). Today Talcott continues to serve as a dormitory. An article in a 1935 issue of the local newspaper told the story of the "Talcott Tree," which served as a campus bulletin board from before the Civil War. It was an elm tree that stood in front of Talcott at the intersection of West College and Professor Streets. News from the War was posted on the tree as were notices of class meetings and parties. It was cut down in 1919 when it was determined to be a threat to those passing by. (Oberlin News-Tribune).

This building is significant for its architect, its architecture and for its long service as student housing. Talcott Hall was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in November 1975. It was listed on the National Register as part of the Oberlin College thematic nomination in 1978.