

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)		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Ctr.		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Smith House, Prucha House, Macha House		
Roll #	Exp. #			
	5	29		
Front	5	30		
6. Specific Address or Location 288 South Professor Street		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1865-1875	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Sandstone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-095-102-021		18. Style or Design Italianate	High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Brick Bearing
7. City or Village Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)	Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	32. Roof: Type Gable Pitch Moderate Material Slate, Imbricated
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer Unknown		33. No. Bays Front 6 Side 2
		19a. Design Sources Unknown		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Brick, Stretcher or Running Bond
		20. Contractor or Builder Unknown		35. Plan Shape T-Shaped
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name		21. Building Type or Plan Upright and Wing		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered, Minimal
Zone	Easting	Northing		37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6, 2 over 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		38. Bldg. Dims. 42 x 46
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		23. Present Use Single Dwelling	24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	39. Endangered? No Explain:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		40. Chimney Placement Center, and Off Center Within Ridgeline
11. On National Register ? No	12. N.R. Potential ? No	26. Property Acreage .45		41a. Distance from road approx. 35'
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No	14. Dist. Potential ? No	27. Other Surveys in Which Included No		41b. Frontage on road 66 ft.
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		28. No. of Stories 2		
16. Thematic Association(s) Commerce - Various		29. Basement? Yes		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features The house is a classic upright-and-wing farmhouse. The two-story section has its gable end facing the street, and the gable of the one-story wing is parallel to the street. Each section has a front door, and both doors are topped by lunette windows as fanlights. The front side of the wing is covered by a screened-in porch. The front door on the upright façade has a hood over its stoop, with a dentilled cornice, and held up by ornate scroll-carved braces. All the windows and doors are topped by round arches of brick and have plain stone lug sills. Next to the front door, the first floor of the upright has a dodecagonal bay window with pairs of scroll-carved brackets under its dentilled cornice. Under the gable peak, the attic has a small circular window, but it is boarded up.				
43. History and Significance This house stood vacant for most of the 1890s, until Milton and Esther Smith lived here in 1899 and 1900 with their children Orrin, Livingston, Nettie, Ulellah, and Morgan. Milton had lived in Oberlin since the 1870s, attended Oberlin College, and worked as a horse teamster. Orrin attended the College in the late 1870s and graduated from Columbus Medical College in 1882 before becoming a physician in Iowa (Holsworth). Vaclav James Prucha, a tailor, lived here from 1908 through 1942 with his wife, Anna, and their children, Roland, Elvyn, Cornelia, and Theophilus. V. M. Macha lived here from 1956 through 1961 (City Directories).				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) There is a driveway on the south side of the house, and a very tall pine tree in the front yard. The house sits just to the south of the bike path.				
45. Sources of Information 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, O.H.I.O. Resource Center.				
			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 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	_____	_____
Privy	_____	_____
Cistern	_____	_____
Foundation	_____	_____
Structural Rubble	_____	_____
Formal Trash Dump	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____

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

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