

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		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Monroe House; Bosworth House		
Roll #	Exp. #			
Front	2	8	W	
Rear	2	9	NE	
6. Specific Address or Location 76/78 South Professor		17. Date(s) or Period 1857	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Stone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 09-00-085-108-089		18. Style or Design Vernacular	High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Wood Frame
7. City or Village Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		32. Roof: Type Gable Pitch Moderate Material Composite Shingle
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer		33. No. Bays Front 5 Side 4
		19a. Design Sources		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Clapboard
		20. Contractor or Builder		35. Plan Shape Irregular
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Building Type or Plan		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Substantial Alteration
Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Residential		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1; 2 over 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		23. Present Use Residential (rental)		38. Bldg. Dims. 43 ft. x 60 ft.
11. On National Register ? Yes		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		39. Endangered? Explain:
12. N.R. Potential ?		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		40. Chimney Placement 3 off-center, within ridgeline
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		26. Property Acreage .576		41a. Distance from road
14. Dist. Potential ? Yes		27. Other Surveys in Which Included McQuillin (76), Hayes (94)		41b. Frontage on road 109 ft.
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local) NR: Oberlin College thematic nomination		28. No. of Stories 2		
16. Thematic Association(s) Education: Higher & Social Movements: Abolition		29. Basement? Yes		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This vernacular two-story house has a gable front roof and side wing. The hallway main entrance may have originally been a side hallway entrance since the house has had extensive additions and there is another door leading onto the front porch along a recessed wall. The porch extends the width of the house and has a flat roof and round porch posts. The windows are mostly double hung replacements and vary in number of lights. Three separate types of foundation stones demonstrate the difficulty of determining the original orientation of the house. The rear additions have gable roof lines and small, off-center, within ridgeline, chimneys.				
43. History and Significance This house was built for James Monroe (1821-1898) in 1857 and sold by him in 1862 when he left Oberlin to serve as U.S. Consul to Brazil during the Civil War (Blodgett). Mr. Monroe was an Oberlin College and Oberlin Theological Seminary graduate student and then a College professor known as a brilliant orator against slavery and active member of the Oberlin community during his years in this house (O.H.I.O. Resource Center). In 1870, after his return to Oberlin, Mr. Monroe and his new wife, Julia Finney Monroe (1837-1940), bought from General Shurtleff (cont.)				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) This residential street has many well cared for historic homes, but rehabilitations and conversions to rental threaten its historic integrity.				
45. Sources of Information Lorain County Courthouse: Lorain County tax records. Oberlin Public Library: Oberlin City Directories. O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files; Oberlin City Directories; National Register Nomination. Blodgett, Geoffrey. <u>Oberlin Architecture College and Town: A Guide to its Social History</u> . Oberlin College, 1985. Oberlin College Library Special Collections: Oberlin City Directories.				
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47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.				
48. Date Recorded 1-25-2000				
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	<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>No</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)

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the 1866 red brick Italianate at 47 College Place. That house is now located at 73 1/2 South Professor and belongs to O.H.I.O. (O.H.I.O. Resource Center). In 1873 a physician, C.D. Noble lived in this house; from 1877 to 1886 the Oberlin College Treasurer, J.B.T. Marsh lived here; and from 1888 through 1897 his wife and children lived here (City Directories). From 1899 through 1941 the Bosworth family lived here; first Mr. E.I. Bosworth, a professor and then Dean of the Theological Seminary and then E.F. Bosworth, his son, Dean of Men at Oberlin College (City Directories). In 1956 Mrs. Florence Lister was identified as residing in the house and then in 1961 the house was listed as divided into two addresses for the first time with J. William and Edith T. Grice at 78 and Mrs. Janet Owens at 76 (City Directories).

This house is significant through its association with James Monroe, a man important in both education and abolition, and for its long association with Oberlin College. Though exterior features have changed, the house retains the integrity of its distinctive characteristics. This house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in September 1975. In 1978 the house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a structure in Oberlin College's Historic Resources thematic nomination. (O.H.I.O. Resource Center).