

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
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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) Sperry House, Parmelee House, Potter House, Workman House, Best House, Hope House, Stocker House, Green House, Schramm House		
Roll #	Exp. #			
Front	3	1		
S. Side	3	2		
6. Specific Address or Location 99 South Professor Street		17. Date(s) or Period 1896	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Sandstone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-085-112-042		18. Style or Design Queen Anne	High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Balloon Frame/Western Frame/Platform
7. City or Village Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		32. Roof: Type Hip Pitch Steep Material Asphalt Shingle
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer Unknown		33. No. Bays Front irregular Side irregular
		19a. Design Sources Unknown		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) 1st fl: Wood, Clapboard or Weatherboard with end boards, 2nd fl: Wood, Shingle
		20. Contractor or Builder Unknown		35. Plan Shape Irregular
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Building Type or Plan Other House		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered
Zone		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling		37. Window Type(s) 2 over 1, Other
Easting		23. Present Use Multiple Dwelling, Rooming House		38. Bldg. Dims. 47 x 49
Northing		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		39. Endangered? No Explain:
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		40. Chimney Placement Multiple Random
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		26. Property Acreage .23		41a. Distance from road approx. 45'
11. On National Register? No		27. Other Surveys in Which Included No		41b. Frontage on road 89 ft.
12. N.R. Potential? No		28. No. of Stories 2 and 1/2		
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		29. Basement? Yes		
14. Dist. Potential? Yes		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features Many Queen Anne details accent this imposing house. A large porch extends across most of the first floor of the façade. A wide, two-story octagonal tower projects from the southwest corner of the house. On the front side of the roof there is a gabled dormer decorated by elaborately carved bargeboard with a pendant at the peak and carved corbels on each side. On the second floor of the tower and under the gable of the dormer, diamond-shaped shingles are arranged in a diamond design on the wall. There are hip-roofed dormers on the north and east sides of the roof, and there is a two-story projection on the south side of the house with a bracketed gable roof. Above all the windows, on the gable ends, and (cont.)		
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		43. History and Significance Dr. Lyman B. and Rosa H. Sperry lived here from 1897 through 1902. Dr. Sperry was a physician and lecturer, and also served on the Board of Directors of the Oberlin Business College (School of Commerce). Rosa's mother Eliza M. Harris lived with the Sperrys in 1900. In 1908, Franklin A. and Viola B. Parmelee lived here with their son, Daniel. Franklin worked as a state municipal examiner. In 1910, Leyton Potter, Lizzie Workman, and Professor C. W. Best lived here, followed by John Hope in 1916. From 1927 through 1956, Edgar A. Stocker operated the house as a college dormitory, and Miss Agnes Williams, a nurse (cont.)		
16. Thematic Association(s) Private Education - Professional School, Private		44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) The house is covered with ivy, and has a driveway on its south side, opening to Vine St.		46. Prepared by H. Petersen, M. Franck, D. Musson, and O.H.I.O. Interns
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. Oberlin School of Commerce Reunion Committee: History of the Oberlin School of Commerce, 1 June 1997.		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

Excellent

Good/Fair

Deteriorated

Ruin

Destroyed/Burned

Date _____

54. Farmstead Plan



52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Corn Crib or Shed

Summer Kitchen

Silo

Smoke House

Spring House

Ice House

Designed Landscape Features

Privy

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)

around the flared bottom edge of the shingled siding, the shingles are cut in a sawtooth pattern. There is also a one-story section at the back of the house.

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

and teacher, lived here in 1935 through 1938. R. A Green and C. F. Schramm lived here in 1961 (City Directories).