

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
567 E. Hudson St.  
Columbus, OH 43211  
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1. No. LOR-1776-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1776-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen						
Roll No. 4		Picture No.(s) 18, 19		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Kennedy House		2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 164 South Prospect Street		16. Thematic Associations: Library, College,		28. No. of Stories Two story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-084-110-036		17. Date(s) or Period 1940		17b. Alteration Date(s)		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village If Rural, Township & Vicinity Oberlin		18. Style or Design International, Modern Movements		High Style Elements		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		30. Foundation Material Brick bearing		
		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		
		19a. Design Sources		32. Roof Type Flat Roof Material Unknown		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397108 4571152 Zone Easting Northing		20. Contractor or Builder John Bernard 'Jack' Annable		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays Irregular		
10. Classification: Building		21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Clapboard or weatherboard		
11. On National Register?		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , ,		35. Plan Shape L-shaped		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		23. Present Use Single Dwelling, ,		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		24. Ownership Private		37. Window Type(s) Casement, Other		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		38. Building Dimensions 28 x 43		
		26. Property Acreage .29		39. Endangered? By What?		
		27. Other Surveys		40. Chimney Placement Unknown		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 30'		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 164 South Prospect Street
<p>This house is a good example of residential International style in Oberlin. The house has no ornament and its texture is achieved through the use of different exterior materials. The majority of the exterior has wood clapboard siding. The uppermost portion has solid wood siding, with vertical wood overlays. The roof is comprised of flat slabs at several levels, and the walls are situated at various distances from the road. The far left side of continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>Carpenter John Bernard Annable, who built several houses in Oberlin, built this one in 1940 for John Cecil and Miriam Kennedy (Rice). Annable's Oberlin houses tended to be mainly Colonial Revival in style, and this house is thought to be his only modern home. They lived here for fifteen to twenty years and by 1961, George A. Thornton, and his daughter Eileen Thornton had moved in (City Directory). George was retired, and does not appear in the 1970 city directory, when Eileen was listed here continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>This house appears to be in very good condition, and is surrounded by other homes that are well maintained.</p>						
45. Sources of Information						
<p>Rice, Andrew, 'The House that Jack Built...' Building Files, O.H.I.O. Resource Center.; Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain continued...</p>						
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51. Condition of Property: Excellent

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

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Door Selection: Single off center

Door Position: Recessed

Orientation: Lateral axis with lateral smaller extension

Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

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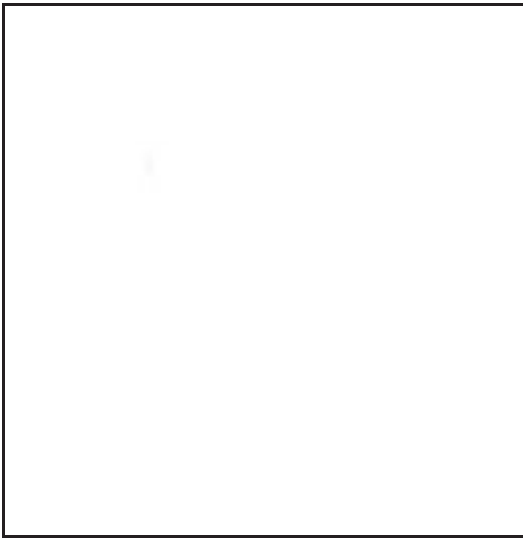
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50a. Date Revised:

50b. Reviewed by:

RPR Number:

54. Farmstead Plan



42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

the main facade has a fixed corner window paired with a casement window. Another corner window is located above, in the second story. The center portion has a pair of casement windows at each story, with the first story windows to the left and the second story windows to the right. The next portion to the right has three glass block windows, and the remaining portions have no windows. At the far left is the two-car garage. The north elevation has a pair of casement windows to the far left of the first story. Glass block windows wrap around the corners near the center of the elevation. Also near the center, the door is located at the first story, with a one-over-one window above it in the second story. The garage is probably an addition, because its foundation does not match that of the remainder of the house. The south elevation features a door at the right side, with a window to its right and a pair of windows in the second story. The left side is mostly obscured, but corner windows are visible at the first and second stories.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

alone. Eileen was a librarian at Oberlin College (City Directory). According to local historian Dick Lothrop, George Thornton had been an organist & choirmaster in Minneapolis before moving to Oberlin. Also according to Lothrop, Beth Richards, a friend & colleague of Eileen's lived in this house for several years. The Oberlin News reported that Daniel Troen Moe lived in this house from 1972 through 1973. Moe is a prominent figure in choral music, particularly Lutheran church music (Archives). Moe composed over 40 published compositions, wrote books on conducting, and taught at the Conservatory from 1972-1992 (Archives). While in Oberlin, Moe conducted the Oberlin College Choir, The Tappan Singers, and the Musical Union before retiring to Florida, where he conducts the Key Chorale in Sarasota (Archives).

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

45. Sources (Con't)

County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2003.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Gordon, Stephen C., ' How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee, ' A Field Guide to American Houses,' Alfred K. Knopf Inc., New York, 2000.; ' Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative Staff, (1833-1960),' Oberlin College, 1961.; Oberlin News Tribune, 2 June 1983.; Oberlin College Archives, [www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG30/index\\_M.html](http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG30/index_M.html), Accessed 9 March 2004.

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