

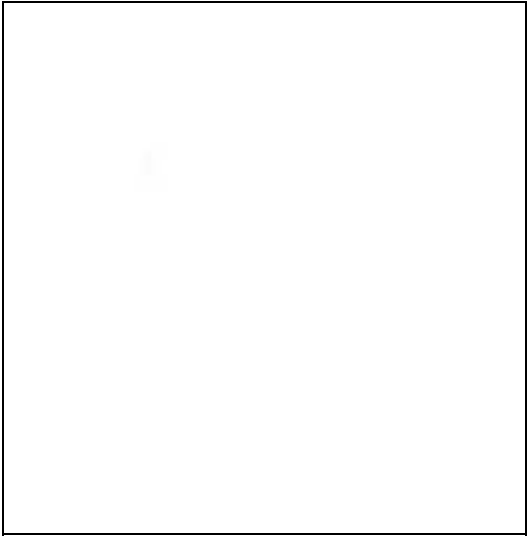
# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
567 E. Hudson St.  
Columbus, OH 43211  
614/298-2000



1. No. LOR-1874-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1874-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.						
Roll No. 8		Picture No.(s) 11, 12		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Wong House		2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 242 Shipherd Circle				16. Thematic Associations: Chinese, College,		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900084112008				17. Date(s) or Period 1968		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village Oberlin				17b. Alteration Date(s)		
7. City or Village Oberlin				18. Style or Design Modern Movements,		28. No. of Stories Two story
8. Site Plan with North Arrow				18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		29. Basement? Yes
				19. Architect or Engineer Dickson & Dickson		30. Foundation Material Poured concrete
				19a. Design Sources		20. Contractor or Builder Andrew Allen
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 398795 4571678 Zone Easting Northing				21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type		32. Roof Type Shed/pent Roof Material Asphalt shingle
10. Classification: Building				22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , ,		33. No. of Bays unknown Side Bays unknown
11. On National Register?				23. Present Use Single Dwelling, ,		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Vertical board
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?				24. Ownership Private		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)				25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved
				26. Property Acreage .47		37. Window Type(s) Other,
				27. Other Surveys		38. Building Dimensions 50' x 50'
				28. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)		39. Endangered? By What?
				29. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)		40. Chimney Placement Off center within ridgeline
				30. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Dist: 15' & Frontage: 72'
				31. Sources of Information		6. Specific Address or Location 242 Shipherd Circle
				32. Prepared By: Clark, Surovy, Tomazic, Tuohy		
				33. Organization: O.H.I.O./Oberlin Heritage Center		
				34. Date Recorded: 08/02/2004		

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51. Condition of Property: <b>Good/Fair</b>	54. Farmstead Plan 
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies	
53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers	
Door Selection: <b>Single off center</b>	
Door Position: <b>Recessed</b>	
Orientation: <b>Other</b>	
Symmetry: <b>Bilateral asymmetry</b>	
FOR OHPO USE:	
49. Revised By:	
50a. Date Revised:	
50b. Reviewed by:	
RPR Number:	

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

clerestory windows are visible on the front elevation. Several small shed-roofed sections are connected to the main body, as one section is situated under the clerestory windows. The house appears to have a concrete foundation and contains a basement according to the Lorain County Auditor's property card. The house is covered in vertical wood siding. The south elevation appears to have a few oddly positioned awning windows, while the north elevation is blocked by trees and foliage. A concrete chimney is located off-center within the ridge line.

*43. History and Significance (Con't)*

1898 to 1919.' The first houses were built in 1950 (Blodgett 213, Lothrop). Built in 1968, according to the Lorain County Auditor's Property Card, this house was probably built by the Wong family, an Oberlin fixture since the 1950's (City Directory). Edward (always called Eddie) T Wong was a professor of mathematics at OC from 1957 to 1988. Edward was born in Hong Kong in the 1920's and made his way to San Francisco after World War II. He waited tables and washed cars while taking night classes before winning a scholarship to the University of Washington. While at Oberlin, Edward was active in the campus Chinese community and made a number of trips to China & Japan to pursue research and teaching. His wife, Kazuko Moriwaki, was a cataloguer at the OC library from 1977-1987. The couple had three children, David, Stephen, & Kenneth. David Wong taught physics and chemistry at Oberlin High School. While, Stephen currently teaches at Rice University in Texas and has been a visiting professor at OC (Archives). Kazuko continued to live here until 2003.

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

*45. Sources (Con't)*

Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2004.; 'Stephen Wong,' <http://www.exciton.cs.rice.edu/faculty/wong/>, Accessed 2004.; 'Oberlin College Archives: Edward T. Wong,' Internet, [http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/WWW\\_files/wong\\_b.html](http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/WWW_files/wong_b.html), Accessed 2004.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee, 'A Field Guide to American Houses,' Alfred K. Knopf Inc., New York, 2000.; Blodgett, Jane.; Lothrop, Richard.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.

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