OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office 567 E. Hudson St. Columbus, OH 43211



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| 1. No. LOR-1631-21 | 2. County Lorain | 4. Present Name(s) | | | | |
| 3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen | | | | | | 1. No. LOR-1631-21 |
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| 9 | 06,07 | McKee House, Sims H | | | | |
| 6. Specific Address or Location | | 16. Thematic Associations: 28. No. of Stories | | | | |
| 197 Elm Street | | COMMERCE, College, | | | Two and a half story | 2. County Lorain |
| | | 17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s) | | 29. Basement? Yes | ri nty | |
| 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-085-108-001 | | 1886 | Porch, 190 | | 30. Foundation Material | 1 |
| | If Rural, Township & Vicinity | ■ 18. Style or Design | | High Style | Stone bearing | |
| 7. City or Village Oberlin | ii Narai, rownsiip & vicinity | Queen Anne, Elements | | 31. Wall Construction | | |
| 8. Site Plan with North Ar | row | 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) Colonial Revival | | | Balloon frame/western frame/pla | |
| | | 19. Architect or Engineer | | | 32. Roof Type Truncated hip | 4. F |
| | | | | | Roof Material Slate 33. No. of Bays 3 | rese |
| l | Elm St. | 19a. Design Sources | | | Side Bays Irregular | ent c |
| | | | | | 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) | - <u>F</u> |
| | ~ ∰ ~ | 20. Contractor or Builder | | | Clapboard or weatherboard | itoria |
| Cedar St. | Z — Z — Z — Z — Z — Z — Z — Z — Z — Z — | | | | 35. Plan Shape L-shaped | Nar |
| | | 21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type | | | 36. Changes Addition (Explain in #42) Altered Yes Moved 37. Window Type(s) | 4. Present or Historic Name(s) |
| | | | | | | |
| 9. U.T.M. Reference | | 22. Original Use, if apparent | | | | |
| 3 | berlin | Single Dwelling, , , 23. Present Use Single Dwelling, , | | | | |
| 17 397468 | 4571487 | | | | 1 over 1, | |
| Zone Easting | Northing | | | | 38. Building Dimensions | |
| 10. Classification: Buildir | ng | 24. Ownership Private | | | 55 x 34 | |
| 11. On National Register? | , | 25. Owner's Name & Addre | ess, if known | | 39. Endangered? | |
| | | | | | By What? | |
| 13. Part of Established Hi | st. Dist? | | | | 40. Chimney Placement | |
| 15 Other Designation (N | D or Local) | | | | Lateral Exterior 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 25' | d |
| 15. Other Designation (N | K OF LOCAL) | 26. Property Acreage .21 | | | | |
| | | 27. Other Surveys | | | | |
| 42. Further Description o | f Important Interior and Exterior I | Features (Continued on Reve | rse if Necessa | ry) | | 1 6. |
| | features Classical elements, and is | | | | | Spe 97 |
| | ound porch, which runs along the ne 1904 Sanborn map, but by 191 | | | | | :Im |
| The turned wood railing | | T, the sumbon map mareates | the presence | or the map aroc | ina, colonial nevival poten. | Add Stre |
| 43. History and Significar | nce (Continue on Reverse if neces | sary) | | | | 6. Specific Address or Location 197 Elm Street |
| This house was built in 1 | 1886 for Uriah McKee, instructor o | f penmanship at Oberlin Busi | ness College | (Blodgett 133). In | 1877 he bought out W.F. | or L |
| Lyons & operated the sc | hool as M'Kee's Oberlin Business (| College until he sold his share | to John T. He | enderson in 1892 | . The business college was | ocat |
| | ountry under the leadership of M nklin Shuart in 1894 & C.K. Whitne | | College). Acco | ording to city dire | ctories, the next residents | ion |
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| · | nment and Outbuildings (See #52 | | | 21.6 | P. al. I | |
| i nis is a very well mainta | ained house, as are the surroundi | ng nomes. The small corner l | ot is fairly ope | en, with few trees | surrounding the house. A | |

picket fence is located on the east side of the house. A small, detached shed is located at the rear of the house.

45. Sources of Information

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 County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.lorainc.continued...

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| 51. Condition of Property: | | McKee House, Sims House 54. Farmstead Plan | | |
| 52. Historic Outbuildings Shed | | | 34. Turnisted Turn | |
| 53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers | | | | |
| Door Selection: Single off | f center | | | |
| Door Position: Flush | | | | |
| Orientation: Other | | | | |
| Symmetry: Bilateral a | asymmetry | | | |
| FOR OHPO USE: | | | | |
| 49. Revised By: | | | | |
| 50a. Date Revised: | | | | |
| 50b. Reviewed by: | | | | |
| RPR Number: | | | 1 | |
| 42 Further Description of | f Important Interior and Exterior | Features (Con't) | | |

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

the porch run between the stone bases of Tuscan columns. The curved front steps, near the corner of the porch, have three metal railings. The front and side dormers have hipped roofs. The house is covered in wood siding, with clapboard siding on the second story and drop siding on the first story. The west facade features a projecting bay window. This side also displays an intricate leaded glass window with circular patterns. The hip roof juts out in a variety of places. The roof is slate, with the exception of the porch roof, which is asphalt. Entries are fairly simple; doors off the porch have wood screen doors.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

next resident was Newell Sims, depicted in Blodgett's book as, 'a spry little sociologist who bought this house soon after joining the faculty in 1924 & kept it until his death in 1965. Professor Sims was a pioneering student in small town mores, a prolific scholar & a lively iconoclast,' (Blodgett 133). An amusing tale about the house cited in Blodgett's book involved Newell & Esther B. Taylor, Oberlin's sternest prohibitionist: 'It seems one day Sims stepped into his backyard to put an empty wine bottle in his trash can. He spied Mrs. Taylor walking toward him along Cedar Street from her home on Forest. Crouching behind his bayberry hedge, he poked the bottle out through the hedge onto the sidewalk, & waited. The august temperance leader spotted the bottle, picked it up in disgust, & tossed it back over the hedge. Sims solemnly rose & admonished her, 'Mrs. Taylor, I don't mind you drinking in public, but please don't throw your bottles in my yard, '(Blodgett, 133). Other residents include OC professor William & Susan Skinner, David S. Knechtges from 1991-97, Thomas J. Kunkel & Denise Saker from 1997-2003,.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

county.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.; "Brief History of the Oberlin School of Commerce," www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/SchoolCommerce/SchoolCommerce.html, Internet, Accessed 2003.

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