



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

Form with multiple sections: 1. No. LOR-02083-21, 4. Present Name(s) William and Robin Jindra House, 2. County Lorain, 5. Historic or Other Name(s) Edwards-Chesbro House, 6. Specific Address or Location 244 North Pleasant, 19a. Design Sources, 35. Plan Shape Rectangular, 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 900076101042, 21. Building Type or Plan Upright and Wing, 17. Original/Most significant construct, 7. City or Village Oberlin, 22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling Multiple Dwelling, 17b. Substantial alteration/addition, 9. U.T.M. Reference Oberlin, 23. Present Use Single Dwelling, 37. Window Type(s) 2 over 2, 38. Building Dimensions 32' x 50', 24. Ownership Private, 39. Endangered? NO, 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known William J. & Robin Z. Jindra, 40. Chimney Placement Center, 26. Property Acreage unknown, 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 40', 27. Other Surveys, 28. No. of Stories Two story, 51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair, 29. Basement? Yes, 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies, 30. Foundation Material Stone bearing, 31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame, 32. Roof Type Gable, 33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 2, 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Aluminum or vinyl siding, 53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI), 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary), 43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary), 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52), 45. Sources of Information, 46. Prepared By: Liz Schultz, 47. Organization: Oberlin Heritage Center, 48. Date Recorded: 11/20/2009, 49. PIR Reviewer: , 50. PIR Review Date:

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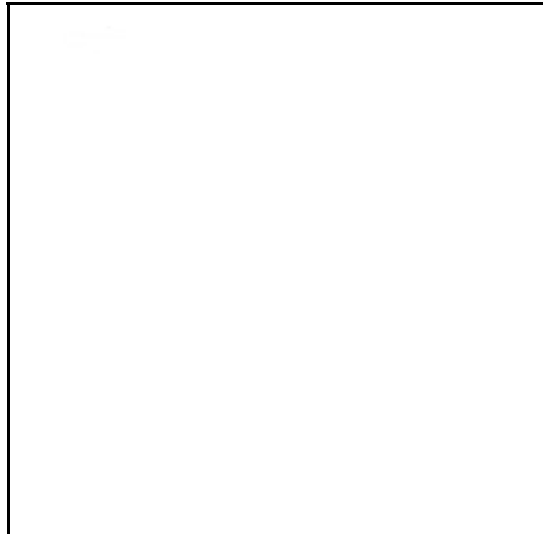
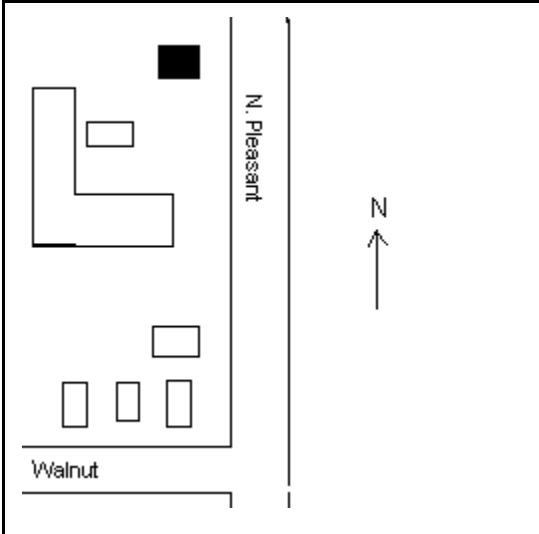
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single off center

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable dominant with lateral smaller extension

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:



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

hung window facing the north, at the far left of the bay. A smaller window is located at the rear of the house, to the right of the bay. The second story has a 2/2 double hung window. The south elevation includes the front porch at the far right. The first story has two window elements. Each element is comprised of a large center window flanked by casement windows. The casement windows each have three horizontal muntins. The windows also have shutters. Two 2/2 double hung windows are located in the second story. A rear, one-story addition has a rectangular window. A porch off the rear of the addition has stick-style supports.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

replaced Olmstead. Charles Pliney Edwards (b. 1860, OH; d. 1938, Oberlin) was married in 1881 to Mary (nee Freehold). Mary died in 1897 and she is not listed here in the city directory, so it may be assumed Charles moved here following her death. They had four children: James Arthur (b. 1883; d. 1963), Estelle M. 'Stella' (b. 1885; d. 1997), Eva Fannie (b. 1887; d. 1957), and Alma (b. 1895; d. 1997). The 1899 directory also lists Bessie Edwards; her relation to Charles is unknown. Charles married a second wife in 1899; her name was Eliza Jane (nee Rathwell; b. 1870, Oberlin; d. 1931, Oberlin). Miss Eliza Rathwell had been listed in this house in 1897, the year Charles' first wife died. Charles and Eliza had five children together: Gertrude Mae (b. 1900; d. 1997), Eudora Jane (b. 1901; d. 1999), Grace Harriet (b. 1905; d. 1988), Harley Rathwell (b. 1908; d. 1974), and a boy who died in infancy (1900). Charles worked as a tinner at Huckins and Huckins on South Main Street through 1902 and then operated the Edwards and Son, a plumbing company located downtown at 42 S. Main, from 1908 through 1917, until the business was moved to his home. His son, James, was a partner in this business, and had also previously worked for Huckins and Huckins. In 1920, Charles was listed as an employee of the Whitney Brothers, based in Elyria, but in later years he continued to be listed as a plumber, tinner, and in furnace work. While living in this house, Stella was a telephone operator (1904-07), as was Alma, who worked for the Oberlin Telephone Company in 1920. Additionally, Eliza was a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security. As the years passed, the children moved out of the house. Eliza and Charles both lived here through the times of their deaths; at that time, Charles was retired. In 1922, their daughter Gertrude Mae married Aven (or Avon) Blaine Chesbro (b. 1897; d. 1984, Oberlin). Gertrude and Aven lived elsewhere in Oberlin before moving into this house with Charles Edwards in 1933. Aven worked as a salesman, clerk, auditor, and accountant for both Electro Alloys and American Brake Shoe. Gertrude was a homemaker. Aven and Gertrude had two daughters and lived here through their deaths in 1984 and 1997, respectively. During the 1940s, Aven served as an Air Raid Warden and was involved in the Oberlin Masonic Lodge. Gertrude Mae was active in the visiting nurse association of Oberlin and volunteered for the Red Cross, Victory Fund and the War Chest. According to the county auditor William J. and Robin Z. Jindra have owned the house since 1998. In 1999 Adam and Libby Chapman (nee Jindra, their daughter) lived in the house. In 2004 Emily G. Jindra lived here and since 2005 William and Robin have been the occupants. William was a police dispatcher in Avon, Ohio and has served on Oberlin City Council. Robin was the director of the Oberlin Senior Center (run by the Neighborhood House Association) and a board member of the Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization.

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

doors to the right. Attached to it, two gabled garages have double doors that are made of vertical wood and open at hinges to the left and right sides of each door. The right garage is bigger and has a standing seam metal roof. The house is located on a primarily residential street and is next to the Boys and Girls Club of Lorain County.

45. Sources (Con't)

Goodrich,' Obituary, Oberlin News-Tribune, 9/14/1999, Pg. 2; 'Reminds Public to Use the Visiting Nurse Services,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 11/16/1944, Pg. 8; 'Burneson Is Installed,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 12/10/1942, Pg. 1; 'Charles P. Edwards Married Eliza Rathwell,' Oberlin News, 6/23/1899, Pg. 5 Col. 6; 'Alma Edwards Married Ernest G. Frost,' Oberlin News, 9/15/1920, Pg. 5 Col. 6; 'Born-Edwards,' Oberlin News, 8/17/1900, Pg. 5, Col. 5; 'Eliza Jane Edwards,' Obituary, Oberlin News-Tribune, 6/18/1931, Pg. 1, Col. 3.