

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
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1. No.		2. County <b>LOR</b>		4. Present Name(s) Talcott Hall		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded	
3. Location of Negatives		O.H.I.O. Resource		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Talcott House			
	Roll #	Exp. #	Facing				
E. Side	3	34A	W				
Front	3	33A	SW				
6. Specific Address or Location 2 South Professor				17. Date(s) or Period 1886-7		17b. Alteration Date(s)	
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 09-00-085-107-024				18. Style or Design Queen Anne		High Style <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. City or Village Oberlin				18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		Elements <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow				19. Architect or Engineer Frank Weary and George Kramer		30. Foundation Material Stone	
				19a. Design Sources		31. Wall Construction Stone Bearing	
				20. Contractor or Builder		32. Roof: Type Gable Pitch Steep Material	
9. U.T.M. Reference				21. Building Type or Plan Other Building		33. No. Bays Front irregular Side	
Zone		Easting		22. Original Use, if apparent College Dormitory		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Stone, Rock-Faced Ashlar	
Northing				23. Present Use College Dormitory		35. Plan Shape Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building		<input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered, Minimal	
11. On National Register ? Yes		12. N.R. Potential ?		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Oberlin College 135 West Lorain Street Oberlin OH 44047		37. Window Type(s) 8 or more over 1 Double-hung	
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		14. Dist. Potential ? No		26. Property Acreage 0.910		38. Bldg. Dims.	
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local) NR: Oberlin College thematic nomination				27. Other Surveys in Which Included McQuillin (75)		39 Endangered? No Explain:	
16. Thematic Association(s) Education: Parochial/private: Higher				28. No. of Stories 2 and 1/2		40. Chimney Placement Multiple Random	
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This three-and one-half-story, split-faced ashlar sandstone, dormitory is an example of the Queen Anne Style. The roof has multiple gable ends along an L-shaped footprint. A six-sided, steep pitched, cone roof with finial towers is above the three-sided main entrance on the northeast corner of the building. A flight of steps leads to the main entrance porch emphasizing the building's high foundation. The main entrance double doors have a pattern of small square lights surrounding a central expanse of clear glass and a transom that repeats the pattern. Decorative elements include thick bands of carved stone leaves and flowers spanning the gable ends, and decorative woodwork along the edge of the gable end. The windows of the first story are longer than (cont.)				29. Basement? Yes			
43. History and Significance Construction of Talcott Hall began in August, 1886. It was named in honor of Mr. James Talcott, of New York City, who gave \$20,000 to supplement the funds received from the insurance on the Ladies Hall (Second) which had been destroyed in a fire in January, 1886. It is located on the same site as the Ladies Hall (Second). The total cost, including furniture, was \$65,000. , the architects were Weary and Kramer, of Akron. In 1903 Talcott provided room and board for 70 women and an equal number of men received their meals there. Talcott was also the home for the Dean of Academy Women and the office for the Dean of Women. The rent for a room was \$45 to \$60 per year (-----)				41a. Distance from road			
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) This building is located on the corner southwest corner of South Professor and College Streets, diagonally across from Tappan Square. It is centrally located for campus foot traffic.				46. Prepared by M. Fedelchak Harley; L. Previll			
45. Sources of Information Lorain County Courthouse: Lorain County tax records. O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files; General Catalogue of Oberlin College, 1908; The Oberlin News-Tribune, March 29, 1935.				47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.		48. Date Recorded 10-14-2000	
				49. Revised by		50a. Date Revised	
						50b. Reviewed by	

51. Condition of Property

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good/Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed/Burned
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	Date _____

54. Farmstead Plan



52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Crib or Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Silo
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke House	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring House	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice House
<input type="checkbox"/> Designed Landscape Features	<input type="checkbox"/> Privy	<input type="checkbox"/> Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

OAI Completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Archaeological Feature:	Observed	Expected on Basis of Archival Research
Well	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Privy	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Cistern	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Foundation	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Structural Rubble	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Formal Trash Dump	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Other _____	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

those on the other stories; all windows are double-hung. The top lights of the windows of the first floor common rooms have leaded, stained glass, while the others have multi-paned clear glass. The rear of the building lacks the details found on the front. The interior has a dining hall and multiple grand staircases. Some of the original ash woodwork still exists in the moldings around doors and windows. This building has been maintained with regular renovations.

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

(OC General Catalogue). Today Talcott continues to serve as a dormitory. An article in a 1935 issue of the local newspaper told the story of the "Talcott Tree," which served as a campus bulletin board from before the Civil War. It was an elm tree that stood in front of Talcott at the intersection of West College and Professor Streets. News from the War was posted on the tree as were notices of class meetings and parties. It was cut down in 1919 when it was determined to be a threat to those passing by. (Oberlin News-Tribune).

This building is significant for its architect, its architecture and for its long service as student housing. Talcott Hall was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in November 1975. It was listed on the National Register as part of the Oberlin College thematic nomination in 1978.