This vernacular gabled ell house is covered in stucco. The gabled portion is located at the left side of the main facade. This gabled portion has 3 2/2 double hung windows at the 1st & 2nd stories, except for the lower, right window, which is stained glass. The top of the gable contains a vent. The lateral portion of this elevation contains a porch with spindle railings & a simple balustrade. At this lateral portion 2 sets of 3 windows are at the 1st story. The left windows include a 12/1 window flanked by 9/1 double hung windows. The right 3 windows are 9/1 double hung. The 2nd story windows above the porch include 2 2/1 windows. The left window is flanked by smaller rectangular windows with decorative, geometric muntins. The door is located in the gabled portion, yet faces south (at the porch) and has a window in its upper half. The south elevation contains a gable & exterior chimney. At the 1st story, the chimney is flanked by small 8/1 double hung windows. At the 2nd story, the chimney is flanked by 2/2 double hung windows. 2/2 double hung windows are also located at the far right of the 1st & 2nd stories, at the parts of the elevation that are not gabled. continued...

According to city directories, this house was built between 1889-90. The first resident listed was Henry Pond Kennedy who lived here with his wife, Fidelia and children Lucy Florence, William Mark, Mary Elizabeth, and Lena Pearl through 1900. Henry was a carpenter and member of Company E of the 166th National Guard of Ohio in 1864; he also served on the Oberlin City Council from 1903 to 1907. The Kennedy children all attended Oberlin College; all except Florence attended OHS. During the Kennedys' occupancy, they shared the house in 1891 with Rev. C.A. and Mrs. L.G. Ruddock and their daughter Caroline May; a Mary Simms also lived here in 1891. In 1894, Prof. Francis D. Kelsey, noted for forming the Botany Dept. of OC in 1893 as its first professor, lived here for one year with his wife Ella continued...

This house is located on a residential street and has a detached garage & a fence surrounding the rear yard.

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

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

At the rear, a small set of wood steps & a wood balustrade are visible. The foundation is visible at this elevation & displays pronounced mortar between the sandstone blocks. The north elevation contains a projecting bay at the 1st story and has 2/2 double hung windows. The far left side of the first story has an 8/1 double hung window. The second story has 2/2 double hung windows at the center & right. At the left is a ribbon of 4, 9-pane windows. The foundation at the rear appears to be slightly lighter than that in the front, which indicates a possible addition.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

(nee Russell) and their children George (OC 1898), Edward (attended OC Academy), and Louise (OC 1908). By 1902, the Kennedys were replaced by Margaret Weed and her children Helen Salome, Blanche Ethel, Fredmund (or Frederick) Casson and daughter-in-law Irene, as well as Fredmund and Irene's children, Helen and Mahlon. Fredmund was an attorney who studied at the OC seminary to become a minister in Iowa. By 1904, the house was occupied by postal clerk Alpheus D. Hartman, wife Cora M, and children Samuel H and Pansy B. In 1907, the Rice family were the only occupants. B.F. Rice was a traveling salesman and lived here with wife Alice and children Nellie R and Lottie E. From 1908-1910 the Bliss family were the occupants; they included Mrs. Lucy Bliss and her children Lora Ethel (OHS 1908) and Otis Verne (OHS 1908), both students at Oberlin College. From 1916-1920, Lewis Cummings, a retired farmer, lived here with other members of the Cummings family: Lois R, John H and Archibald B (both machinists), Charles, and William F. (retired). L.Q. Cummings died in 1921, and by 1927, the Rodgers family moved into the house. The Rodgers lived here from about 1927 through 1970. Rev. Dr. John A. Rodgers was married to Alice E. and they lived here with their children, Elizabeth Anne (OHS 1929), John E. (OHS 1924), and Alice H. (OHS 1933). John A was a minister and secretary of Board of National Missions in New York. Alice H. was a teacher and John E. was a statistician at Chase National Bank of NY. The Rodgers had several boarders while living here. Drug salesman Parker Phillips lived here with his wife Frances and child, Jane, from about 1929-1940. Miss Evelyn V. Latham, Secretary to the Librarian at OC lived here from about 1937-42. Mrs. Helen Fowler lived here in 1942-3. Albert E., a decorator for OC, and Ann Emmerich lived here in 1948. Mrs. Myra Nye, a writer, lived here in 1948, as did Nathan B. Clough, an artist. In 1956, student Alex Turco lived here with his wife, Wilma G. From about 1956-61, Mrs Vera N. Locke, emeritus housing director of OC lived here. John A. Rodgers died in 1956, but Alice continued to live here until her death in 1972. The next known occupants were Dr Firooz F. and Feresteh Bordbar, who lived here in 1994.

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

45. Sources (Con't)