LOR-1573-21

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2. County  Lorain  
3. Location of Negatives  O.H.I.O. Resource Center  
4. Present Name(s)  Richards House  
5. Historic or Other Name(s)  
6. Specific Address or Location  270 East College Street  
7. City or Village  Oberlin  
8. Site Plan with North Arrow  
9. U.T.M. Reference  
   Quadrangle Name:  Oberlin  
   Zone Easting Northing  
10. Classification:  Building  
11. On National Register?  
12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?  
13. Other Designation (NR or Local)  City of Oberlin Historic Landmark  
14. Sources of Information  
15. Prepared By:  Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy  
16. Thematic Associations:  
   Methodist Episcopal, College,  
17. Date(s) or Period  17b. Alteration Date(s)  
   c. 1911  
18. Style or Design  
   High Style  
   No academic style - Vernacular,  
   Elements  
19. Architect or Engineer  
19a. Design Sources  
20. Contractor or Builder  
21. Building Type or Plan  Gabled Ell  
22. Original Use, if apparent  Single Dwelling, Apartment House,  
23. Present Use  Single Dwelling,  
24. Ownership  Private  
25. Owner's Name & Address, if known  
26. Property Acreage  .65  
27. Other Surveys  
28. No. of Stories  Two story  
29. Basement?  Yes  
30. Foundation Material  Stone bearing  
31. Wall Construction  Balloon frame/western frame/pla  
32. Roof Type  Cross gable  
   Roof Material  Asphalt shingle  
33. No. of Bays  3  
34. Exterior Wall Material(s)  Clapboard or weatherboard  
35. Plan Shape L-shaped  
36. Changes  Addition Altered Moved  
37. Window Type(s)  
38. Building Dimensions  41 x 39  
39. Endangered?  By What?  
40. Chimney Placement  Unknown  
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road  Approx. 40'  
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:  Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy  
47. Organization:  O.H.I.O.
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51. Condition of Property: Excellent
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies
   Garage
53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

54. Farmstead Plan

FOR OHP Use:
49. Revised By:
50a. Date Revised:
50b. Reviewed by:
RPR Number:

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)
   double hung windows. The front facing gabled section has a pair of one-over-one double hung windows in the first story and a single one-over-one in the second story. The attic has an eight-over-one double hung window and exposed rafters are visible below the eaves. The east elevation is difficult to see due to foliage, however, visible features include a square, projecting bay at the left side of the first story with exposed rafters. A pair of double hung windows is located above the bay, and a pair of awning windows is located to the right, at the second story. The gable also contains a pair of double hung windows. The west elevation has a square, projecting window with a shed roof and exposed rafters at the right. The bay contains three one-over-one double hung windows. A one-over-one double hung window can be found left of the bay. The basement has a cellar door near the center of the elevation. In the second story, a set of three one-over-one double hung windows is located near the center with one-over-one double hung windows to the left and right. A pair of one-over-one double hung windows is located in the gable.

43. History and Significance (Con't)
   Richards Hantower, ’ [Erwin] built the house in Oberlin large enough so that mother could have roomers for an income when he should pass away, as he obviously would since he was 30 years older’ (Biography, 19). He also built it large but plain so he would not be ‘criticized for extravagance’ (Biography, 34). When Erwin died in 1928, Mary H. Richards rented the house out to roomers from 1930 until 1964. Some of the roomers included Frederick M. Zorbaugh (City Directory) and nationally known economist Walter Heller, according to local historian Jane Blodgett; both lived here in 1933. William H. Seaman, director of Admissions at Oberlin College lived here with his wife from 1935-1939, and H.D. Manlove lived here in 1942.

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

45. Sources (Con't)
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