This simple Craftsman Bungalow features a nearly full front porch that has a front-facing gabled roof, with a pair of small vents in the gable. The porch gable mirrors the large front gable of the house at the south elevation. Square supports sit on top of stone bases at the porch, which has a clapboard wall around the perimeter of the porch. Cement steps and a metal rail lead up to the porch, and square lattice runs below the porch. The entry near the center of the elevation has an original glass and wood door, with Craftsman detailing. The mullions in the door run the width and height of the door, crossing near the corners and forming squares at the corners. Pairs of 4/1 windows flank the door. The upper sashes of the windows each have three vertical Mullions. The East elevation has a wide, exterior chimney at the left, flanked by rectangular windows with three vertical Mullions. Near the center of the elevation, a square, projecting bay has a pair of double hung windows. At the right, there is another, small double hung window. The west elevation features 4/1 windows at the left, center, and (presumably) the right (it is obscured by foliage).

This house first appears in the city directories in 1933, when it was the residence of William Pratt. The house may have been built before this date, but as it is on the outskirts of town, any potential earlier residents are undocumented. Mr. Pratt worked as a meat cutter at the Oberlin College Market, and his wife Lucille worked as a clerk for several years before becoming a clerk at Locke's and at Ives Rexall Drug Store. In 1961 William worked at the Oberlin Nursery, and by 1970 he had retired. The Pratts lived at the house from 1933-1986. Mildred Chapin became the owner of the house in 1986. Mrs. Chapin (nee Locke) had been a lifelong Oberlin resident, though she spent a few years in Huron. Her father Bert Locke co-owned a grocery store with Merritt Sperry. Mildred married Almon Chapin continued...
Report Associated With Project:
NADB #: 8. Site Plan with North Arrow

Farmland Plan:

- Door Selection: Single centered
- Door Position: Flush
- Orientation: Gable end axis
- Symmetry: Other

54. Farmstead Plan:
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

43. History and Significance (Con't)

(also of Oberlin) in 1934. Mrs. Chapin and her husband were both amateur genealogists, and before her death in 1999 Mildred completed family histories for both sides of the family. She was a licensed pilot, a ham radio operator, a weaver, potter, and bird watcher. Though she was retired by the time she moved into the house, she taught at Oberlin Public Schools for several years. According to her obituary in the Oberlin News-Tribune, 'In 1994 she received the Historian of the Year Award from the United Methodist Historical Society for her history of the First Methodist Church in Oberlin.' Mildred was also a 1931 graduate of OHS.

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

45. Sources (Con't)