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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)

This American Fourquare has a Colonial Revival influence, displayed in its Tuscan porch supports. The full front porch has a hip roof, and the supports sit on top of a shingled wall. Steps are located at the left side of the porch, which lead up to the door. The door has a large oval window in it and a one-over-one window to the right. The porch has rock-face ashlar bases with lattice between them. The second story of the main facade has two continued...

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44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

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45. Sources of Information

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

One-over-one windows with shutters. The attic has a pair of one-over-one windows and a louvered vent in the gable. The west elevation has a door near the center, with a pair of replacement windows to the left, which have shutters and a window box. To the right of the door, a one-over-one window has shutters. Another one-over-one is located above the door. The wood clapboard siding flares slightly above the first story, and is separated by a stringcourse. The attic has a hip dormer with a wood shingle exterior. An addition at the rear of the house is indicated by its concrete block foundation. The addition is one story, with a flat roof and one-over-one windows with shutters. The east elevation contains one-over-one windows at the left side of the first and second story. Another of the same window is located in the right side of the second story. At the right side of the first story, a square, projecting bay window contains a pair of one-over-one windows. The addition at the rear has small one-over-one windows.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

N (Rogers) Herrick were listed at this address by 1916 (City Directories). The couple had married three years earlier, the same year in which Charles bought a jewelry store on East College with Charles M. Schreffler. He was considered an “expert watch maker, fine citizen, and has the sound respect of the people of Oberlin (Oberlin News-Tribune). Herrick’s Jewelry Store is still in operation on West College Street. From 1927-42, George and Alice Lillian (Mason) Behnke lived in the house. During this time, George was an operator at a sewage plant and the superintendent of the village sewer farm (City Directories). Mrs. Fay Preston, a nurse and the widow of Ray Preston lived in the house from 1956 through 1970, although it was listed as vacant in 1961 (City Directories). She presumably lived in the house until her death in 1972 (Westwood).
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4. Present Name(s)  

5. Historic or Other Name(s)  
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