## OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

**1. No.**

**2. County**

**4. Present Name(s)**

**3a. Location of Negatives**

**3b. O.H.I.O. Resource**

**5. Historic or Other Name(s)**

- McKenzie-Newbecker House
- Moon House
- C.H. Pope House
- Dodge House
- Hawkins House
- Bennett House
- Rankin House
- Williams House
- Greenberg House

**6. Specific Address or Location**

171 West College Street

**6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number**

0900085107044

**6b. City or Village**

Oberlin

**6c. If Rural, Township & Vicinity**

**7. Site Plan with North Arrow**

- W. Lorain
- W. College

**8. U.T.M. Reference**

**9. Quadrangle Name**

**10. Site**

**11. On National Register?**

No

**12. N.R. Potential?**

Yes

**13. Part of Estab Hist Dist?**

No

**14. Dist. Potential?**

Yes

**15. Name of Established District (N.A. or Local)**

**16. Thematic Association(s)**

- College, Professional

**17. Date(s) or Period**

c. 1870-1890

**17a. Alteration Date(s)**

**18. Style or Design**

Queen Anne

**18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)**

**19. Architect or Engineer**

unknown

**19a. Design Sources**

unknown

**20. Contractor or Builder**

unknown

**21. Building Type or Plan**

Multiple Dwelling, Apartment House

**22. Original Use, if apparent**

Multiple Dwelling, Apartment House

**23. Present Use**

Multiple Dwelling, Apartment House

**24. Ownership**

Public

**25. Owner's Name & Address, if known**

**26. Property Acreage**

.67

**27. Other Surveys in Which Included**

no

**28. No. of Stories**

2 and 1/2

**29. Basement?**

Full

**30. Foundation Material**

Sandstone

**31. Wall Construction**

Wood Frame

**32. Roof:**

- Type: Queen Anne
- Pitch: Steep
- Material: Slate, Imbricated

**33. No. Bays**

Front: Irregular
Side: Irregular

**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)**

- Wood, Shingle Stucco
- Wood, Shingle
- Stucco

**35. Plan Shape**

Rectangular

**36. Changes (Explain in #42)**

Altered

**37. Window Type(s)**

1 over 1

**38. Bldg. Dims.**

40' x 68'

**39. Endangered?**

No

**40. Chimney Placement**

Multiple Random

**41. Distance from road**

33'

**41a. Frontage on road**

110'

**42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features**

This huge house is primarily rectangular, but has so many protruding bays and other features that the rectangular shape is obscured. On the first story, there is a porch on the front of the house that wraps around part of the east side, which has round Doric columns in groups of 2 or 3 supporting a flat roof with dentils. The front door is on the right side of the front of the house, and has narrow sidelights. On the east side of the house is an exterior brick chimney and a two story bay window. Behind the bay window is a sun-room, and over the sun-room on the second story is a porch with square columns and a flat roof. A wooden staircase attached to the southeast corner of the house leads to a separate entrance on the top story.

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43. History and Significance

According to the Oberlin City Directories, there has been a home on this site since at least 1873. However, the current house appears to have been built during the 1890s. This site's earliest known use was as a boarding house owned by Mrs. M. A. Summers. Since then, it has seen many different residents with many different professions. In 1873, M.A.K. McKenzie and F.P. Newbecker were telegraph operators who boarded there. In the 1890s, Mrs. M.E. Moon was the only listed resident. In 1899, the Pope family occupied the house.

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

A gravel driveway on the west side of the house leads to a gravel lot in the back. There is a small gambrel-roofed pre-fabricated shed next to the gravel lot. The back yard of the house is large, and the home is surrounded by mature trees. A small sandstone sidewalk surrounds the house. To the east of the house is a large parking lot for Oberlin College students.

45. Sources of Information

- Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files. O.H.I.O.

46. Prepared by

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47. Organization

O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.

48. Date Recorded

1/18/2002

49 Revised by

50a. Date Revised

50b. Reviewed by
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

The west side of the house has another large two-story bay window, supported underneath by knee-braces. The cross-gable on the top story has a small narrow porch. The first story of the house is smooth stucco, but the other stories have wood shingle exterior.

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

By 1908, Dr. Ellen F. Hawking was one of the many people living there--she stayed until 1929, with a variety of housemates. In 1933, Miss E. Spaulding, a College professor, lived in the house. Many other people lived there at the time, including Miss Marie Rankin, another professor. In the 1960s Nathan Greenberg, a college professor and his family lived in the house with Joseph W. Elder and his wife Joann, who both graduated from Oberlin College in 1951 and were Shansi representatives. Joseph Elder later became a professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin.