This vernacular building was once a residence, but currently operates as an accounting office, as indicated by the sign that says, 'Vance P. DeBouter & Ann A. Deppman 181 West College St. Oberlin, OH, 44073'. The main facade, at the north elevation, has a full front porch with a hip roof and square supports. The porch supports, like the exterior of the house, have been covered in vinyl. The door is at the center, in a portion that extends to a parking lot behind the building. The building has no outbuildings and is located on a street that projects out. The door is original, comprised of wood, with a window in the upper portion and filled panels with moulding below. A 12-light window is at the left. The attic gable has a triangular-shaped, louvered vent. An transom above the door has the number '181' painted within it. 12/12 replacement windows are at the left and right sides of the door. At the first story, a gable in the center of the roof has a pair of 1/1 double hung windows. 6/6 double hung windows are left and right of the gable. At the east elevation, a projecting bay has cutaway sides at the first story. The cutaway sides each have narrow 6/6 windows, and the east side of the bay has a pair of the same 6/6 windows. At the second story, two 1/1 double hung windows are at the right and an 8-light window is at the left. The attic gable has a triangular-shaped, louvered vent. An continued...

This house was first listed by numbered address in 1874, and was very likely built by 1859. The first known resident was William Warren, a former Oberlin Preparatory student, writing teacher and widower, who was listed at this address in the 1873/1874 city directory. He had been listed as living in this same area but before there were street addresses in the 1859 city directory. His first wife was Mary A. (nee Connett). In 1891, at the age of 71, he married his second wife, Theodate B. H., aged 69. In 1877 two other residents were listed with this name. In 1883 only Mrs. Caroline S. Alden (nee Snow; widow of Ebenezer Alden of Maine) and Lewis D. Conner, a commercial traveler were listed here. Mrs. Alden was still living here in continued...

A driveway next to the house extends to a parking lot behind the building. The building has no outbuildings and is located on a street that has both residences and Oberlin College buildings.

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Single centered
- Door Position: Protruding
- Orientation: Lateral axis
- Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

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

addition to the south and southeast is one-and-a-half stories. The addition juts out to the east at the first story and has a shed roof (the rest of the addition has a gabled roof). A modern door at the right of the addition has modern, concrete steps leading to it as well as a metal railing. Two 6/6 double hung windows are left of the door. In the projecting part of the addition, a 4/4 window faces north. In the upper part of the addition, a 4-light window faces east. The west elevation has two 1/1 double hung windows at the first and second stories. The attic gable has a triangular, louvered vent. A one-story addition at the southwest corner of the house has a steep shed roof running to the south. The addition has a 6-light window and louvered vent facing north, and a 1/1 double hung window facing west. The addition has a brick and cement foundation.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

1886, now with a Mrs. Stephenson. William Warren returned to the house in 1890 and was listed with Miss Harriet G. Blaine, a student of Oberlin College. Her mother, M. A. Blaine, was a matron of Keep House and came to live with her daughter, William and Theodate Warren, and Elizabeth Bingham in 1891. In 1894 the house address converted to 161 West College Street and only William Warren was listed. In 1895 Mrs. Laura Bain moved in with the Warrens. In 1896 William passed away at the age of 76 and Theodate continued to live in the home with others until her death in 1901. In 1897, Frank E. Mulder, a civil engineer, moved in with his wife Laura Ellen (nee Gillett, daughter of Laura Bain), an Oberlin Conservatory graduate. By 1902 Laura Bain and the Mulders had moved out. Their place was taken by Huldah S. Norwood, her son Fred Adolph, and her daughter Amie C. By 1904 the Norwoods had left. Olin T. Rose, a traveling salesman, lived here with his wife Nellie and their daughter Carrie 'Lenore.' They also had a son, John Rozwell Rose. Living with them also in 1904 was Caroline 'Carrie' M. Telford, a proprietor for the Oberlin Bazaar, and Oberlin College graduate Helen Gatrell and her daughter Lillian. By 1908 William J. Swisher, along with his wife Della (nee Bateman), son William W., and daughter Myra had moved in. William J. had at one time been the editor of The Oberlin News. Both Myra and Walter were graduates of Oberlin College. Caroline Telford was listed again in 1916 and 1920, and then the Swishers returned by 1927. In 1928 Della Swisher passed away at age 68 and in 1930 Walter James passed away at 71. Their two children left in 1930, after their father's death. By 1933 William C Bohrer, an Oberlin High School teacher, had moved in with his wife Frances, and their four children, Lawrence, Kenneth, Carlton and William D. In 1933 the couple bore a fifth child, Katherine. Lawrence and Carleton moved away in 1943, Kenneth in 1945. William D. graduated from Oberlin High School in 1948, Katherine graduated in 1951. Around 1948 David Plank, an Oberlin High School teacher, and his wife Georgeanna, moved in along with the Boehrers. By 1956, David Plank had moved out, around the same time the senior William retired from his position. William Bohrer passed away in 1977, and Frances passed away in 1978. The house recently served as housing for college students. Vance P. DeBouter purchased the house from Dennis L. Abraham in 2007 and the office of Vance P. DeBouter CPA PC has been in the house since 2008. Other spaces may or may not still serve as housing.

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

45. Sources (Con't)