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**This Craftsman house has a Dutch Colonial Revival element in its gambrel roof. The house has a full front porch with a shed roof. The supports are slanted, in pairs and sets of three; they sit on top of walls comprised of wood shingles. Wood steps and railings lead up at the left side of the porch, and square lattice runs below. The door is at the extreme left and one large one-over-one window is at the far right. The second story has two large continued...**

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

This house, and those nearby, is in good condition.

**45. Sources of Information**

one-over-one windows and the hipped-roof dormer has four narrow one-over-ones. The second story of the house is comprised of wood shingles, and the first story appears to be vinyl siding. The windows may be replacements, but the storm windows make this difficult to determine. The west elevation has a large carport connected to the house, which extends over the driveway. A square, projecting bay window at the left side of the first story has a sloping, mansard-style roof. Two one-over-one windows are in the second story and attic. An arched window is located in the gable. The east elevation has a door near the center of the first story, with large, one-over-one windows to its right and two smaller windows to its left. Two windows line up directly above the door, with a decorative wood piece separating one from the other. Two one-over-one windows are located to the left and right of the second story and attic. An arched window is in the gable. The one-story addition at the rear has a door and a shed roof extending from it.

American Red Cross Commission to Poland after WWI & was married in this house in 1922 (Oberlin News). Ellen served as president in the WCTU (Oberlin News). The children, except William were published in some way, & all but Selden were teachers (more info available in O.H.I.O. ’s Building Files) (Archives). The Beldens lived here until about 1929 & were joined by Mrs. Laura Boyd in 1910 & Mrs. Jane Scranton (widow of Col. Charles) in 1908 (City Directory). In 1933-6, OHS teacher Maude Warner lived here with her child (City Directory). In 1937, Mary & Carlton Lee moved in with their daughter Carma Elaine & the house became a dorm called Junto House; Mary was its matron; Carlton was the director (City Directory). They lived here through 1948 (City Directory). From about 1956 through 1961, Arthur & Marion Bradley lived here; Arthur’ s realty agency was at 11 W College (City Directory). In 1970 Prof. John Spencer lived here; he was director of Allen Art Museum (City Directory).
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