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43. History and Significance
In 1937 Oberlin College graduate William Hoskins Brown, who had then received a graduate degree from M.I.T., returned to Oberlin and designed this house for violin professor Raymond Cerf (Blodgett). It was built by Oberlin contractor J.B. Annable for the price of $9,294.82 (Rice). It is Oberlin's first "modern" house, designed for its interior function. Professor Cerf left Oberlin in 1943 (Blodgett). In 1948 Jennings B. and Verona Mabry, with Jennings B. Jr., a student, lived in the house. Mr. Mabry was identified as "div. Mgr" (City Directories). Sometime prior to 1956 Mr. Harris and his wife owned the house; they enclosed the second story rear deck, making it (cont.)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)
Edgemere is a predominately intact, historic, residential neighborhood.

45. Sources of Information
Lorain County Courthouse: Lorain County tax records. Oberlin Public Library: Oberlin City Directories.
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

-part of the house. They used it as a family room. In 1956 Max and Celia Durfee purchased the house (J. Blodgett). The couple were listed as occupants from 1956 through 1961. Max Durfee was identified as "student health services director Oberlin Col" and Celia Durfee was identified as "tchr Prospect School" (City Directories). During their residence, the Durfees enclosed the back porch (J. Blodgett). Their children Elsa J. ("nurse"), Jonathan and Linda ("students") were listed as occupants in 1961 (City Directories). In 1968 professor Peter J. Hawkins and Patricia purchased the house (J. Blodgett) and they were listed as occupants in 1970 (City Directories).

This house is significant for its long association with Oberlin College, both as faculty residence and as the design product of a college graduate. The house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin City Landmark in November of 1997.

51. Condition of Property

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52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

- Corn Crib or Shed
- Smoke House
- Designed Landscape Features
- Summer Kitchen
- Spring House
- Silo
- Privy
- Ice House
- Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

OAI Completed? No

Archaeological Feature: Observed | Expected on Basis of Archival Research
---|---
Well | No | No |
Privy | No | No |
Cistern | No | No |
Foundation | No | No |
Structural Rubble | No | No |
Formal Trash Dump | No | No |
Other | No | No |

54. Farmstead Plan

52. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)