**No. LOR-1625-21**

1. **County:** Lorain

2. **Present Name(s):** Christ Episcopal Church Rectory

3. **Historic or Other Name(s):** Dickson House

4. **Date(s) or Period:** c. 1890 or c. 1933; c. 1923-1933; 2004

5. **Style or Design:** High Style

6. **Specific Address or Location:** 158 Elm Street, Oberlin, OH 44074

7. **City or Village:** Oberlin

8. **Site Plan with North Arrow:**

   ![Site Plan](image)

9. **U.T.M. Reference:**
   - Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
   - Zone: 17
   - Easting: 397590
   - Northing: 457152

10. **Classification:** Building

11. **On National Register?** Yes

12. **Part of Established Hist. Dist?** Yes

13. **Other Designation (NR or Local):** Thematic Associations: Episcopalian, Library, College

14. **Thematic Associations:**
   - Colonial Revival

15. **Date(s) or Period:**
   - Alteration Date(s): c. 1890 or c. 1933; 2004

16. **Original Use, if apparent:** Single Dwelling

17. **Present Use:** Single Dwelling

18. **Property Acreage:** .32

19. **Owner's Name & Address:**
   - Christ Protestant Episcopal of Oberlin
   - 158 Elm
   - Oberlin, OH 44074

20. **Owner's Name & Address:**
   - Private

21. **Alteration:** Moved

22. **Basement?**
   - Yes

23. **Foundation Material:** Brick bearing

24. **Roof Type:** Gable with side gable

25. **Roof Material:** Asphalt shingle

26. **Exterior Wall Material:** Aluminum or vinyl siding

27. **Plan Shape:** L-shaped

28. **No. of Stories:** Two story

29. **Extension:** Addition

30. **Alteration:** Altered

31. **Distance from & Frontage on Road:** Approx. 35'

32. **Endangered?** By What?

33. **Chimney Placement:** Gable end, exterior

34. **exterior Wall Material:**
   - Balloon frame/western frame/pla

35. **Wall Construction:**
   - Yes

36. **Foundation Material:**
   - No academic style - Vernacular,

37. **Style of Addition or Elements(s):**
   - Colonial Revival

38. **Architect or Engineer:**
   - Miss Edith Dickson was the first known occupant of this house from 1890-96 (City Directory). She was librarian at the OC Conservatory, a

39. **Design Sources:**
   - Math & English tutor & President of the Ohio Women's Suffrage Association (Alumni Register 29). Edith lived here until c. 1896; from 1891-94, she shared

40. **Contractor or Builder:**
   - Charles Beebe Martin, his wife, Helen White Martin & their daughter Helen (their other daughter, Elizabeth, was born later) (City Directory, Holsworth).

41. **Distance from & Frontage on Road:**
   - Charles taught Classical Studies, continued...

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

   This house has subtle Colonial Revival and Greek Revival elements throughout the structure. The original structure was here as early as 1890, and

43. **History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary):**

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

   This house is set between two other homes and has a detached garage. The home has a variety of buildings nearby, including residences, rentals,

45. **Sources of Information:**


46. **Prepared By:** Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy

47. **Organization:** O.H.I.O.

48. **Date Recorded:** 08/19/2003
front porch and rear additions. This is presumably when the Colonial elements were added to the house. It is not known whether the original structure was demolished or greatly modified c. 1923-1933 by Herbert H. Youtz and Mabel C. Eldred, who were the occupants at that time. The central door has a pediment above it with cornice returns above flat, fluted pilasters. Below the pediment, the door has a filled fanlight above it, and is flanked by sidelights decorated with leaded glass in circular patterns. The first story windows on either side of the door have a series of three windows, separated by thin Corinthian colonettes. Shutters flank most of the windows, and the side gables have fanlights at the centers. Greek elements are seen in the corners of the house, which are decorated with flat, fluted pilasters, and the gables, which have cornice returns. Rectangular columns support the side porch on the west facade. According to local historian Pat Murphy, the front entrance porch was added in 2004.

Latin & Greek at OC; he was a graduate of OHS & OC with a BA, MA & Bachelor of Divinity (Oberlin News). A lecture series named for him continues annually, called the Martin Classical Lectures at OC (Oberlin News). Mrs. Martin was editor & original publisher of the Oberlin Alumni Magazine & chairperson of the town’s early preservation organization, the Oberlin Village Improvement Society, when it merged with 3 other organizations & became the Oberlin Federation for Village Improvement & Social Betterment in 1915 (Archives). Nellie Barry lived here from 1891-94 (City Directory). By 1895 Agnes Dickson, Edith’s sister, & Mrs. L.M. Ford were listed here (City Directory). In 1896, only Edith Dickson & Mrs. Ford were listed here (City Directory). No occupant was named in 1897; in 1899, Rev. Benjamin Franklin & Anna S. Hall Shuart lived here while their children attended OC; Anna was a member of the Second Congregational church in Oberlin, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as an incorporator of the Oberlin hospital association (Oberlin News, Holsworth). Benjamin attended the OC Seminary & was a manufacturer; their
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