This is an example of a nicely preserved Queen Anne style house with fairly simple ornament. The partial wrap-around front porch spans the south facade, and is decorated with Stick style posts and diagonal beams. The roof of the porch is asphalt, unlike the remainder of the house, which is slate. At the first story, the front door is located to the right, with a projecting bay window to its left. The second story's left window is actually a

In 1887, this was the home of talented pianist, Celestia Wattles and her widowed mother, Esther (City Directory). In 1866, Esther enrolled Celestia in the newly formed Oberlin Conservatory of Music. The conservatory has been noted as one of the three finest institutions of music in the country.

In 1866, Prof. Morgan recognized the musical talents of Celestia, gave her pianoforte lessons, and encouraged her to study in Leipzig, Germany. She returned as a professor of pianoforte and served the

This house is well maintained, amid other residences that are also taken care of.

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4. Present Name(s) Wattles House
5. Historic or Other Name(s) Wattles House

51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Two doors asymmetrical
Door Position: Flush
Orientation: Gable with two story same height
Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

54. Farmstead Plan

FOR OHPO USE:
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

series of three windows with transoms above them. The right, second story ribbon of windows has a low roof above, which leans into the main body of the house. The large front gable has one window located at its center, which is recessed and curves in at the left and right sides of the window. The interior of the gable is shingled, including the curved area that meets the window. The west side of the house has a two-story, projecting bay with a polygonal roof at the top, and a flared roof above the first story windows. The windows have wooden storms.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)

conservatory for 44 years (Archives). Subsequent residents include college trustee, George Delamater in 1894; singing instructor James Lemuel Drew Mosher in 1899; and principal of Oberlin Kindergarten Training School, Bertha Emeline Montgomery in 1908 (City Directory, Holsworth). George and Ada Hastings lived here c. 1916 to the 1940s (City Directory). By 1956, their son James Loren Hastings and his wife Elizabeth owned the home and lived here into the 1970s (City Directory). James earned a B.S. from Miami University in 1938 and was one of the first draft contingents from Oberlin for WWII. He was a staff sergeant in the medical detachment of Company H, 148 Infantry 37th Division for 4 years. After the war, he operated the Oberlin Bait Canteen with Walter Gorske, which produced, ‘a variety of containers for optimal storage of live fishing bait,’ (Building Files, Oberlin News). James was a master of Oberlin Lodge No. 380 F&AM, (The Masons) and its secretary for 25 years (Oberlin News). In 1985, James lived here with his brother John.

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

45. Sources (Con’t)

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