This 1880s vernacular Victorian, gable roof, brick home has Eastlake and Swiss Chalet elements. Double-hung windows with wood shutters are paired on the first floor front façade and single elsewhere. Stone lintels above second story windows interrupt a band of brick corbelling. Also, the windows are not uniform in size and placement around the house. Within the gable ends of the house are fishscale shingles and a row of four double-hung windows. The west side has a one-story bay with a flat roof and porch railing lending the appearance of a balcony.

James N. Wright, a timber merchant from Michigan, began building this house in 1880 (Ganzel), just before his daughter Harriet Newell Wright entered Oberlin College. From 1888 through 1891, Harriet N. Wright was listed as an occupant of the house (City Directories). In 1892 she married Howard Handel Carter (Blodgett). Professor Howard H. and Mrs. Harriet H. Carter were listed as occupants from 1894 through 1924 (City Directories). In 1901 Harriet Wright Carter bought the house for $1.00 (Probate Records). Howard Carter, who taught pianoforte in the conservatory from 1881 to 1923, (cont.)
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died in September 1930; Harriet Carter died in June 1941 (Ganzel). From 1931 through 1937 Mrs. Carter was listed as sole occupant. In 1942 the house was identified as vacant. Almon J. and Mildred L. Chapin bought the house from Mrs. Wright’s estate in 1942 (Lorain County Courthouse). In 1956 A.J. Chapin, engineer, at Johnson Furnace, was listed as occupant; and in 1963 A.J. Chapin and wife Mildred were listed as occupants (City Directory). The Chapins made two additions: the two-car garage was added after 1942, and the west side cement deck was added in the early 1950s (C. Ganzel). Dewey A. and Carol H. Ganzel bought the house in 1967. Professor Emeritus Dewey Ganzel taught English at Oberlin College from 1958 to 1997; Carol Ganzel was editor of the Oberlin College Observer from 1980 to 1995. The Ganzels raised the garage roof and made a second story room in 1971 (C. Ganzel).

This house is significant for its long association with college faculty. The house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in 1978.