**Williams-Worcester-Wood- House**

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

This house is in excellent condition and is located on a residential street. A two-car garage is located in the rear of the property. The roof over the right garage bay is steeply pitched and a story taller than the left bay, which has a small slightly pitched roof.

45. Sources of Information


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top half. A front facing gable is situated on the front elevation. Two, one-over-one windows appear in the second story, one window on the first story and one window situated between the first and second stories, to the right of the other windows. A window is also located in the front porch area. Two more gabled roof sections are located on the west elevation that contains one-over-one windows arranged in several layouts throughout the elevation. A small one-over-one window is located in the front gabled section in an attic area. A small covered porch reached by stone steps is located towards the rear of the elevation. The east elevation also has two gabled sections that construct the cross gabled roof. The front gabled section has a bay window below it on the first story. Shaped wood shingles are located in the top portion of this gabled section. Windows arranged in several layouts are also located on the east elevation, mainly in the gabled areas. Another window located between the first and second stories is also situated on this elevation. The rear gabled section has a small, one story projecting gable section that has several windows and appears to be an enclosed porch area as it is reached by steps and entered by sliding doors. The windows on this section appear to be replacement windows as some of the windows on the other elevations also seem to be replacement windows. Small sliding windows are located throughout the elevations in the sandstone foundation. A brick chimney is situated in the front facing gabled section, which appears to have originally been a hipped roof. The rear sections have been added onto the house and the porches have been altered from their original forms (Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps). The current owners, the Wood family, have added a second story and a covered porch to the rear of the house (Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps). In 1993, the office on the second floor of 15 S. Main. In 1907 his business is listed as Williams & Wilson, but at other times it is listed as Lyman B. Williams operating from 271 Elm. In 1943, Lyman died in his home, and Nettie continued to live in this house until she sold it to Herman L. and Nina R. Worcester in 1945. Herman was retired a carpenter and farmer, and it appears that they rented a portion of the home to college personnel. Arthur and Nancy Dann boarded here in 1948 (City Directories, Holsworth). Arthur, at the time, was an assistant Professor of Piano at the Conservatory (Hi-O-Hi 1948), who today has an award named in his honor which provides one student per year with funding to perform concerts outside of Oberlin (Oberlin Conservatory News). Around 1956, Lois Fisher, a voice instructor at the Conservatory, boarded here (Hi-O-Hi 1955). Ruth T. Forsythe, a future Secretary to the President of Oberlin College, first moved in around 1961 (University of Washington Library). In 1970, the directories list Ruth as living at 271+ Elm. Nina had died and Herman continued to live in the house until his health began to fail and he sold the house and moved in with
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