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2. County Lorain

3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen

4. Present Name(s)

5. Historic or Other Name(s)

Hill House

6. Specific Address or Location 323 Elm Street

7. City or Village Oberlin

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

9. U.T.M. Reference

10. Classification: Building

11. On National Register?

12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?

13. Other Designation (NR or Local)

14. No. of Stories One and a half story

15. Basement? Yes

16. Thematic Associations:

Bank, Governmental Administration,

17. Date(s) or Period c. 1920-1933

17b. Alteration Date(s)

18. Style or Design High Style

Craftsman/Arts and Crafts,

18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)

19. Architect or Engineer

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Building Type or Plan

Bungalow Dormer Front

22. Original Use, if apparent

Single Dwelling, ,

23. Present Use

Single Dwelling, ,

24. Ownership Private

25. Owner's Name & Address, if known

26. Property Acreage .18

27. Other Surveys

28. Roof Type Gable with side gable

Roof Material Asphalt shingle

29. Foundation Material Concrete block

30. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla

31. Plan Shape Square

32. Roof Material Gable with side gable

Roof Material Asphalt shingle

33. No. of Bays 2

34. Exterior Wall Material(s)

Clapboard or weatherboard

35. Building Dimensions 44 x 24

36. Changes (Explain in #42)

Addition Yes

Altered Moved

37. Window Type(s)

4 over 1,

38. Building Dimensions

44 x 24

39. Endangered?

By What?

40. Chimney Placement

Gable end, exterior

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 30'

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

This home is a great example of a Craftsman Bungalow. The house has a side gable roof, with a gable that extends over the recessed porch. Exposed rafters appear below the roof's eaves. In the roof is a wide shed dormer at the street elevation. The first story is covered in clapboard wood siding, while the second story is covered in wood shingles. The porch has slanted, square supports on top of a rough, stone wall. The windows, which have wood continued...

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

According to Lotthrup, this house was originally located at 175 Woodland Avenue, and was moved by the Hill family when construction of Noah Hall led to the potential demolition of the house (Oberlin News-Tribune). However, no house can be found at 175 Woodland during this era. The Woodland house was moved in March of 1932, but a freezing rain & snow halted its journey on West College Street until the snow thawed in April. Meanwhile, the Hill family slept in the 'dislocated' house (Oberlin continued...

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

A two-car detached garage is located behind this house. The house is neighbored by well-maintained homes, and sits across the street from an elementary school.

45. Sources of Information


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

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

48. Date Recorded: 08/19/2003
surrounds, are four-over-one; the four panes in the upper sash run vertically side-by-side. The first and second stories are separated by a stringcourse. The front entry is located at the porch, and a second entry is located on the east elevation. The exterior, gable end chimney is comprised of brick, and is located on the west elevation.

News-Tribune). The first residents of the house at 323 Elm were Florence Louada (Ralston) & John Whitney Hill & their children, Richard & Rachel, who moved here in 1932 (City Directory, O-High Alumni). The Hills resided here over 50 years, into the 1980s (Alumni Register). John, a graduate of OHS, attended the Case School of Applied Science & received a degree in metallurgy in the mid-1920s (O-High Alumni). By 1929, he married Florence & worked for his father, Jasper, as a clerk at the J.V. Hill clothing store in Oberlin (Holsworth, City Directory). After moving into this house, John opened an insurance agency under his name at 18 E College in 1937 (City Directory). Florence received her diploma from the Oberlin Kindergarten Training School & taught elementary school in Lorain County (Alumni Register). Richard, an OHS & OC graduate became a free-lance actor in New York (Alumni Register). Rachel graduated from OHS & went on to Beloit College (O-High Alumni). When Jasper died in 1950, John took over his real estate business; by 1956 he was serving as a director of the Oberlin Savings Bank (City Directory, O-High Alumni). In 1961 (cont...)

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