**Sakeller House**

This distinguished, modern, and amazingly intact house was designed by architect Nick Sakellar, F.A.I.A., a prominent architect in Arizona who built this house for his parents in 1947 (Surovy). Copper seams and gutters accent the low, hipped roof with wide, overhanging eaves. The wide, centrally located windows of the front elevation have a large, single window at their center, flanked by narrow windows with four horizontal panes on each side. Continued...

This house was built in 1947 for Gust & Anna Sakellar; they were the owners of the Campus Restaurant at 9 S Main Street (Oberlin News, OHI, Surovy). Their son, Nicholas Gus Sakellar, F.A.I.A. designed the house for them before moving to Tucson, AZ where he was a prominent, modern architect (Surovy). The house is one of the few architect designed, contemporary homes documented in the Oberlin inventory to date, and the only known work of this architect in Oberlin. After the death of both Gust & continued...

**Sources of Information**

**1. No.** | **2. County** | **Lorain** | **4. Present Name(s)** | **5. Historic or Other Name(s)**
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### 3. Location of Negatives

- **Roll No.**
  - 1
- **Picture No.(s)**
  - 27, 28

### 51. Condition of Property:

**Excellent**

### 52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

- **Door Selection:** Single off center
- **Door Position:** Recessed
- **Orientation:** Lateral axis
- **Symmetry:** Bilateral asymmetry

### 53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

FOR OHPO USE:

- **49. Revised By:**
- **50a. Date Revised:**
- **50b. Reviewed by:**
- **RPR Number:**

### 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

Sandstone columns accentuate the height of the window. The one-car, attached garage extends from the right side of the front elevation. Large windows allow light to enter at the corners of the home and many windows are located on the west elevation. The front entry is marked by a stone patio and low brick wall. The house's windows have sandstone sills. The interior of the house has been altered little from its original appearance, and retains many elements such as built-ins that are typical of the style. An arbor once was located off the back of the house, but has been removed.

### 43. History and Significance (Con't)

Anna in a train wreck, David Robertson bought the house from his two maiden aunts (Surovy). The Robertsons lived here by 1956 (City Directory). David R. Robertson lived here with his wife, Virginia F & their daughters (City Directory). David was the Director of the Conservatory (City Directory) during his tenure as director of the Conservatory, from 1949-60; he encouraged the creation of new facilities and was the motivating force behind the development of Robertson Hall, which was built in 1960. David Robertson died in 1961 (OC Archives), and the Goldbergs purchased the house shortly thereafter (Surovy).  

### 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

### 45. Sources (Con't)

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