### Maltby House

**Address:** 143 Forest Street, Lorain, OH 44052

**Historic Name:** Maltby House

**Present Name:**

**Present or Historic Name(s):**

**Historic or Other Name(s):** Maltby House

**City or Village:** Oberlin

**Site Plan with North Arrow**

**U.T.M. Reference**

**Quadrangle Name:** Oberlin

**Zone:**

**Easting:** 397672

**Northing:** 4571228

**Building Type or Plan:**

**Other House Type:**

**Original Use, if apparent:**

**Present Use:**

**Ownership:**

**Owner’s Name & Address, if known:**

**Property Acreage:** 0.53

**Other Surveys:**

**No. of Stories:** Two story

**Date(s) or Period:** C. 1873

**Alteration Date(s):** c. 1873

**Changes:** Addition, Altered, Moved

**Design Sources:**

**Design Elements:**

**Material:** Unkown

**Wall Construction:**

**Roof Type:** Hip

**Roof Material:** Asphalt shingl

**Exterior Wall Material(s):** Clapboard or weatherboard

**Plan Shape:** Rectangular

**No. of Bays:** 3

**No. of Bays:** Side Bays

**No. of Bays:** Irregular

**No. of Bays:** Other

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**Building Dimensions:**

**Distance from & Frontage on Road:** Approx. 40'

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**Endangered?:**

**By What?:**

**Chimney Placement:** Lateral Exterior

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**Other Surveys:**

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

The main facade of this vernacular house has a front-facing gable at the left side. A pair of eight-over-eight windows indicates an attic. The first and second story windows are in pairs. These windows are narrow, four-over-four double hung windows with wood label lintels above them. A square, projecting bay window extends from the center of the first story. This bay resembles what was most likely the original entrance of this Victorian home, continued...

By 1873, Salome C & Jesse Maltby family had built this house, after having purchased various properties since 1860, including this lot from a prominent Oberlin African-American, Charles H Langston. Jesse was a carpenter, mechanic, & farmer. The Maltbys, presumably a caucasian family, lived here until their deaths in 1885 with their daughter, Clarissa Maltby. Clarissa received a degree in Literature from OC & lived here until her death in 1917. From 1891-1917, the following resided here: Miss continued...

A detached, one-car garage sits behind the house. The well-maintained house is in a primarily residential neighborhood in good condition. University buildings are nearby, across the street.

**Sources of Information**

Letta Bennett, a schoolteacher (1894); A.E. Dascomb, daughter of Marianne & James Dascomb, who signed the Oberlin Covenant; A.E. was enrolled in the college’s Literary Course & graduated from the Conservatory (1894); Mr. & Mrs. Slosson (1895-1896); Mary & Herbert Geyer w/ his sister Olive (1897-1899); & Bessie Clifton (1902). Herbert & Olive Geyer were graduates of the Conservatory. By 1927, Donald Morrison was here. He attended Tufts University & received his bachelors & masters degrees from the OC Conservatory. He held various posts in the Conservatory from 1916-1960, including prof. of music education, instructor in violin, & professor emeritus. He was also a published poet. His wife, Ruth Schoeffel, taught pianoforte in the Conservatory from 1936-48 & became professor emeritus in 1951. John E. Elvin is listed as the occupant in 1956. He began as an asst. prof. of pianoforte in 1936 & was granted tenure in 1950. The Conservatory gives a yearly award in his name to the most talented pianist of the junior class.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)

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

45. Sources (Con’t)

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