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A two-story carriage house is located behind the house. The carriage house is currently functioning as a frame shop (according to property card records). The first story is covered by vegetation, but a glass-paneled door is located at the right side. The second story windows are vinyl, with a larger window above them. The house is in good condition, as are the surrounding homes.

45. Sources of Information


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the window in its upper half and wooden panel in its lower half. Two windows are located to the left of the entry, and three are in the second story. The windows throughout the house are one-over-one double hung with wood, carved arches immediately above the windows, and capped by brick arches. The windows have wood surrounds and stone sills. A decorative frieze with carved brackets is located below the low, hip roof. The east elevation has a large, polygonal projecting bay at the center, with windows to the right of the bay. A two-story porch is located to the left of the bay. The first story of the porch matches that of the front porch, and does not contain a balustrade. The second story of the porch has simple balusters and a plain cornice. Foliage is growing up the side of the house on this elevation. The west elevation has a square bay that projects in the center; towards the right, the roof is lower. The west elevation is difficult to view as a result of foliage growth.

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H. Dudley family (c.1908). The 1910 directory list the house as vacant. In the 1916 directory, Prof. Simon Fraser MacLennan lived here. MacLennan taught Psychology, Philosophy, and Comparative Religion at Oberlin College from 1897 - 1933 (Blodgett 121). The MacLennan family lived at this location until around 1942. The next residents of the house were O.P. Shilts (c.1956 - 1961) and Royce Dendler (c.1970).

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