**Ohio Historic Inventory**

**OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY**

1. No. LOR-1672-21
2. County Lorain
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen
4. Present Name(s)
   Williams House
5. Historic or Other Name(s)
6. Specific Address or Location
   233 Forest Street
7. City or Village
   Oberlin
8. Site Plan with North Arrow
9. U.T.M. Reference
   Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
   17 397306 4571243
   Zone Easting Northing
10. Classification: Building
11. On National Register?
12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?
13. Other Designation (NR or Local)
14. No. of Stories Two and a half story
15. Basement? Yes
16. Thematic Associations:
   Invention, College, Financial
17. Date(s) or Period c.1904-08
17b. Alteration Date(s)
18. Style or Design
   High Style
   Elements
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)
19. Architect or Engineer
20. Contractor or Builder
21. Building Type or Plan
   Other Building Type
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 .51
27. Other Surveys
28. No. of Stories Two and a half story
29. Basement? Yes
30. Foundation Material
   Stone bearing
31. Wall Construction
   Balloon frame/western frame/pla
32. Roof Type Hip
   Roof Material Asphalt shingle
33. No. of Bays 4
   Side Bays Irregular
34. Exterior Wall Material(s)
   Clapboard or weatherboard
35. Plan Shape Irregular
36. Changes
   Addition Altered Moved
37. Window Type(s)
   1 over 1, 8 or more over 1
38. Building Dimensions
   37 x 38
39. Endangered?
   By What?
40. Chimney Placement
   Off center within roof surface
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 45'
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)
   This turn-of-the-century house is covered with wood clapboard siding at the first story, and wood shingles at the second story. The shingles flare slightly above the first story. The low, hip roof features hip gables at each elevation, and has wide, overhanging eaves. The symmetrical facade features a central entry, flanked by eight-over-one windows. The door itself is located at the entry's small porch, which has a hip roof and Tuscan columns. continued...
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)
   This house was built between 1904-08; its first known occupant was Minor C. Williams who lived here through 1916 (Property Card, City Directory). Minor lived here with his wife Nettie A & daughters Dorothy Jean & Gertrude (Holsworth). Minor was the state secretary of the YMCA (City Directory). Dorothy & Jean were OHS graduates; Dorothy married a Mr. Dunn in 1914 and Gertrude married a Mr. Moll in 1915 (O-High Alumni, Holsworth). From 1927-33, Mrs. Mary S. McMillan lived here (City Directory). In continued...
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)
   This house is in excellent condition and has a one-car, detached garage with a hip roof. It is surrounded by other residential homes in good condition.
45. Sources of Information
46. Prepared By: Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy
47. Organization: O.H.I.O.
48. Date Recorded: 08/19/2003
The door has eight small windows in the upper portion, and it is flanked by sidelights that extend two-thirds down the height of the door. The sidelights have eight windows each. The porch roof has a plain entablature, and the stairs leading up to the porch have an iron railing. A projecting bay window is located above the door, and eight-over-one windows, like those in the first story, flank it. The first story wing, located at the east elevation, is recessed back from the front of the house. It contains a hip roof and clapboard siding. A door is visible in the second story, leading to the wing’s roof, at the left of the elevation. A modern deck is visible behind the wing. The wing appears to be an addition, because it has a cement foundation. The west elevation has a door at the first story, and windows in a variety of sizes and shapes. At the rear of the house, a flat, first-story roof is visible with a modern wood rai on the roof, for a deck. The basement has glass block windows.

1929, Dan, Mary, Ben & Neil McMillan were students living here with 2 children (City Directory). In 1933, Mabel Aurelia (Millikan) & Rev. Robert E. Brown lived here with their 2 children (City Directories). Robert & Mabel attended the Academy of Oberlin College (Holsworth). Robert received his B.D. from Yale (Holsworth, Alumni Register) & was a reverend in New Haven, CT in 1908. By 1920, Robert returned to Oberlin, where he was a member of the board of trustees & professor of practical theology & human relations (Alumni Register). Robert died in November 1939 (Westwood) but Mabel continued living here until 1942 (City Directories). By 1956, William P & Elma Davis lived here (City Directory). William was born to missionaries in China & his father was killed in the Boxer Rebellion. William graduated from OHS & Oberlin College (Obituary). He was treasurer for Oberlin College, comptroller of Baldwin-Wallace College & president of the Oberlin Savings Bank (City Directories, Obituary).

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