This two and one-half story Prairie Style house has many architectural features unusual in Oberlin. The front façade has near perfect symmetry (with the exception of a two-story side wing that is set back from the front wall). The hipped roof is covered with Spanish tile and has extended eaves. In the center, a hipped dormer helps to define the line of symmetry above the front door. One over one, double-hung windows are the dominant window type, except on the first story where multipaned casement windows flank the front porch. In 1996 a new front porch, new windows and a flat roofed, closed, rear porch made significant changes to the house. The white wood of the front porch (cont.)

43. History and Significance
This house, designed by Daniel A. Reamer, was commissioned by Rev. Jonathan Andrus, a Congregational minister from Massachusetts. Mr. Andrus came to town to educate his children at the college. The Andrus twins graduated from the college in 1916 and then went to Johns Hopkins where they earned MD degrees; they received honorary degrees from Oberlin in 1941. In 1917 and 1918, the house was a college rooming house, with Mrs. J.C. Andrus as matron (HI-O-Hi). Rev. Andrus left town in the early 1920s after a decade as director of Downing House, the college infirmary (Blodgett). (cont.)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)
This block of Forest Street has turned of the century and early 20th century homes. It is an intact residential neighborhood. On the north side the college has demolished some homes for dormitories.

45. Sources of Information
From 1929 through 1942 C. Herbert Yocum, a dry goods merchant and owner of Yocum Brothers at 29-31 West College Street, were listed as occupants of the house. In 1956 and 1961 J.A. Ignat, Evan Nord's brother-in-law, was listed as occupant (City Directories). Then from 1966 to 1978 it was home for Evan and Cindy Nord (Blodgett). Mr. Nord is a retired, prominent, local industrialist, and the couple are well known as local philanthropists.

This house is significant for its association with Oberlin College, Oberlin business and for its association with local philanthropy. Andrus House was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark on May 5, 1997.