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4. Present Name(s)

**Oberlin First Church Rectory**

6. Specific Address or Location
271 Forest Street

9. U.T.M. Reference
Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
17 397209 457124

10. Classification: Building
Four-over-Four

16. Thematic Associations:
United Church of Christ, Civil Rights/Racial Equalit

17. Date(s) or Period
17b. Alteration Date(s)
c. 1929-33

18. Style or Design
Colonial Revival,

18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)
Balloon frame/western frame/pla

19. Architect or Engineer
John Bernard Annable

19a. Design Sources

20. Contractor or Builder
John Bernard Annable

21. Building Type or Plan
Four-over-Four

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

36. Changes (Explain in #42)
Addition Altered Moved

37. Window Type(s)
6 over 6, 1 over 1

38. Building Dimensions
32 x 42

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 40'

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

This home is a great example of Colonial Revival in Oberlin. The house contains a centrally located entry and symmetrical facade. Cement steps lead up to the ten-panel molded door; two of the panels contain windows. Fluted Corinthian pilasters surround the door. A curved, broken pediment caps the door's intricate entablature, which contains dentils, a garland motif, and diamond detail above the columns. An arched window is located above the... continued...

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

English immigrant & carpenter of many Oberlin homes, John 'Jack' Bernard Annable built this house between 1929-33 (Rice). First Church in Oberlin, United Church of Christ, owned the house for many years. The 1st known residents were Rev. James Austin Richards, pastor at First Church, & his wife Hazel Richards, who lived here from 1933-42 (City Directory). Their son, James Richards, Jr. lived with them while earning his A.B. at OC (City Directory, Alumni Register). James later earned his... continued...

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

A detached garage is located behind the house, which is well maintained and situated in a quiet neighborhood of homes in good condition.

45. Sources of Information

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

The arched window and the entry are each flanked by a small one-over-one window and two six-over-six windows, which have shutters. The windows contain wood surrounds. The west elevation has a porch, with an entry to the house, which extends out from the house; it has square supports and a flat roof. A Palladian window is located in the gable of the west elevation. The east elevation has an enclosed entry with a gable pediment that projects out, and contains pilasters at the corners. The clapboard siding of the enclosed entry is narrower than that of the rest of the house.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

doctorate in physics from Duke University (Daily Star). Rev. Joseph F. King, his wife Helen P, & their children, Roy Garland, Janet, & Joseph, an OC graduate, resided here c. 1943-61 (City Directory). All 3 children were graduates of OHS (O-High Alumni). Rev. Fredrick T. Schumacher, his wife Winifred, & their 4 children lived here through 1970, & according to local historian Prue Richards, they moved in after the Kings left, around 1961 (O-High, City Directory). Both Fredrick & Winifred were active in civil rights & improving race relations; Fredrick taught black history courses at OC (Tulane). According to local historian, Jane Blodgett, Rev. John & Ann Elder lived here with their children following the Schumachers; both parents were OC grads active in ‘town & gown’ activities. John was a trustee of OC & Ann taught special ed. at Lorain Public Schools. Eventually, First Church sold the house.

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45. Sources (Con't)

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