**OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY**

**Locations of Negatives**
O.H.I.O. Resource Center

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1. No. LOR-1682-21
2. County Lorain
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Center

**Specific Address or Location**
281 Forest Street

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number
0900-085-105-002

7. City or Village Oberlin

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

9. U.T.M. Reference
Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
17 397184 457124
Zone Easting Northing

10. Classification: Building

11. On National Register?

12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?

13. Other Designation (NR or Local)

14. Present Name(s)
Mosher House, Phillips House

5. Historic or Other Name(s)

15. Sources of Information

46. Prepared By: Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy
47. Organization: O.H.I.O.
48. Date Recorded: 08/05/2003

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**Community History**

William E. Mosher had this house built in 1907 (Oberlin News, Blodgett 171). Mosher was a German professor at Oberlin College from about 1899-1919 (Alumni Register Int. 44). William Mosher moved out of the house and to New York in 1919 when enrollment in his German class dropped drastically as a result of WWI (Blodgett 171). The next resident of this house was Wilbur H. Phillips, a prominent Oberlin resident who was the manager of the Oberlin Printing Company and Editor of the Oberlin News. He... continued...

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**Architectural Description**

This large Arts and Crafts home has stucco in the first story and wood shingles in the second story. Several of the windows appear to be replacements, as indicated by their one-over-one sashes. A few retain diamond-shaped leaded glass windows or eight-over-eight sashes, as in the dormers. A small porch is located slightly left of center and contains a front-facing gable, with vertical boards that resemble half-timbering, and stucco supports with... continued...

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**Environmental Context**

Behind the house, the detached garage has a hipped roof. The house is in good condition, and is surrounded by other homes that are well maintained.

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**Organization:**
O.H.I.O
was also the Mayor of Oberlin from 1918 to 1922 and the author of the book ‘Oberlin Colony: The Story of A Century.’ Phillips lived in this house from about 1919 until around 1937 (City Directories). According to Blodgett, some of the other occupants of this house include sociologist L. Guy Brown, Dr. W. H. Turner, Oberlin College Athletic Directory & sports radical Jack Scott, and Kim and Larry Buell; Larry was a professor of English at OC (Blodgett 172).
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