This vernacular Upright and Wing residence has been considerably altered, with many of its original features obscured by siding. The upright element sits to the east of the wing, which is slightly recessed and has a somewhat indented back section. The upright element has two 1/1 double hung windows, which are vertically aligned with one on each story. The gable is adorned with a decorative truss composed of folk Victorian woodwork with a strong vertical element that extends below the bottom line of the element. A covered porch, possibly an historic addition, fills the space between the upright element and the recessed wing. The porch itself is of wood with two columns at the southwest corner of the porch and just to the left of the concrete steps, respectively. The columns incorporate wooden piers with slanted sides on top of tall rectangular brick bases. Two doors open onto the porch. One enters the wing of the house; the other opens into the corner between the upright and wing elements. Above the porch roof in the upright element there is another 1/1 double hung window. From the eastern elevation, the house appears in two segments: the main gabled part of the continued...

This house was built sometime prior to 1873, when the first known occupants, the Adair family, were listed here in the city directory. Mr. Benjamin Franklin Adair was a farmer. His son Benjamin Franklin Jr., one of eight Adair children, was a student at the OC Preparatory Dept. from 1871-74. The Adairs moved to Arkansas sometime around 1880. The next residents of the house, by 1877, were Rev. E Tibbals, S. H. Chapman, who worked as a clerk, and W. Watkins. A blacksmith named J. W. Hart lived in the house from 1883-87. Charles J. Maynard moved into the house in 1894, during which year the address of the house changed from 46 Groveland to 46 Groveland. Charles J. was married to Alma E Maynard in 1886, and they had one daughter, named Agnes. Charles started out as a grocer, but by 1897 he was...
Report Associated With Project:
NADB #: 

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

Door Selection:
Single off center

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable dominant with lateral smaller extension

Symmetry:
Bilateral symmetry
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

The house, and a shed room on the back. There is no disjoint in the foundation, so the shed room may be original, or at least historic. Fixed windows are visible in the stone foundation on both the east and west elevations. The part of the upright section under the gabled roof includes, in the first story, a 1/1 double hung window, a modern door that opens onto a small concrete stoop with ironwork railing, and another 1/1 double hung window, and on the second story, a 1/1 double hung window. In the shed element, there is a window now covered by siding and a pair of smaller 1/1 double hung windows. On the western elevation, there is a single 1/1 double hung window in the front part of the wing. Behind the main part of the wing, there is another recessed segment, which has no features and is on the same type of foundation, suggesting that it is original or at least a historic addition. Sanborn maps suggest that there was an addition here before 1911, but that has been altered and enlarged since.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

A painter, then a traveling salesman in 1902. The Maynard family lived in the house from 1891-1902. They remained in the Oberlin area, and the Oberlin News noted that Mrs. Maynard eventually found a job working at the Green Line ticket office shortly before she died of a stroke in 1923. Mr. Burton Whitney, a plumber, and his wife Metta moved here from a house on South Pleasant street shortly after their wedding in 1902. According to city directories, the Whitneys stayed in the house from 1904-c.1915; in 1908, Metta's brother Fred L., a laborer, and his wife Julia were also living at the house, although it is unclear how long they stayed. Jack J. Delphine, a machinist for Garford Manufacturing Co. of Elyria, and his wife Janet lived in the house from c.1920-1927. Orrie Stanfield and his family became the longest occupants of the house when they moved here in 1929. Orrie was an employee of the Ohio Electric Power company as a lineman for several years before he became a maintenance custodian at OC around 1956. Orrie's wife Lena (short for Aleena) also lived here, as did their son Keith. According to city directories, Keith Stanfield and his wife Leota were listed as the owners of the house during the year of 1933, although Orrie was listed as owner in the years before and after. Keith became an employee of the Yellow Cab Company, and Leota was a cashier at the Telephone Company. They moved out of the house in around 1934. Orrie and his wife continued to live in the house, and frequently had others board with them. Arthur Starkey lived with the Stanfields during the year of 1942, and Harold Archer (with his wife Mildred and his child) lived there from 1935-1948, although perhaps intermittently. In 1948 Mr. Harold Parsons, a 1934 graduate of OHS and an accountant for the Oberlin Elevator company, and his wife Betty Anne also lived at the house. Junior Woodell, an electrician at Lake Erie Construction, and his wife Twila lived in the house as well in 1961. The Stanfields likely had other boarders not listed in the city directories as well. Orrie Stanfield died somewhere between 1961 and 1970, and his widow stayed in the house until c.1970.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

45. Sources (Con't)

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