This vernacular house appears to be an American Foursquare, though with a front gable. The foundation is of smooth cement. The front facade, facing north, features a one-story full porch with a low-pitched hip roof of asphalt shingles. Three square supports brace the porch, and modern lattice work bounds the front and sides. The front door, at right, is mostly hidden by a 1970s-era storm door. At left is a large square single-pane window. All windows are modern replacements, and all (except in the back addition) are full with modern shutters giving the second story symmetry. This effect is continued in the gable, which includes a pair of smaller 1/1 double-hung windows in the center. Cornice returns at each side in the gable give the house a slight Greek Revival air. In both the west and east facades, the vinyl siding flares out above a belt course, dividing the first and second stories. The first story of the western facade features a 1/1 double-hung window at left, an historic side door in the center, five-paneled below a square window, and a back addition at right, set slightly back, with two small 1/1 continued...

On May 5, 1910, the Oberlin News reported that 'Workmen began last week on the erection of a house for N. E. Sherrill on Mechanic street on the lot lying between the Sperry and Godley properties.' This house, although not listed in the 1910 city directory, indeed appears on the 1911 Sanborn map, as 27 Mechanic. Nathaniel Emerson Sherrill married his wife Lena M. Armstroff in 1906, and the two had a child, Marion, in 1908. Nathaniel worked as a cabinet maker. By 1916, the address had changed to 25, and the N. E. Sherrills had moved on. Julius Solomon and his family appear in the 1916 city directory as occupants. Julius Solomon was born in Romania and had immigrated to the United States in 1903. By 1904, he resided in Oberlin, working as a shoemaker. That same year he married Victoria, an...
8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Single off center
- Door Position: Flush
- Orientation: Gable end axis
- Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

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

double-hung windows. The second story includes a 1/1 double-hung window on the left, another 1/1 double-hung window in the center, cut just above the belt course, and a small rectangular window just below the roofline on the right. The eastern facade has a single-paned rectangular window on the right and a 1/1 double-hung window on the left in the first story, and in the second story two 1/1 double-hung windows.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Austrian immigrant. He and Victoria had four children: Julius Frederick, a 1923 OHS graduate; William; Mary Victoria, who died shortly after her birth in 1908; and Victor C., a 1929 OHS graduate. According to a 1928 biographical sketch in the Oberlin News, upon arriving in Oberlin Julius 'started in as helper in the old store of Persons and Behr and later was employed in the shoe store of Joseph Wolfe. Shortly after he opened up a shop for himself on East College street. Later he moved to the [site] now occupied by the Oberlin Dry Cleaning and was there until he built the present shop on South Main St. [91 S. Main].' He also was a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security by 1907. However, his family life did not appear to run so smoothly. In 1927 the Oberlin News reported that 'Victoria Solomon has brought suit for alimony against Julius Solomon. She claims her husband has neglected to support her and that he has been of a harsh and jealous disposition since their marriage in 1903. She alleges that Solomon left last Sunday, taking his personal belongings.' We know that Solomon stayed in Oberlin at least through 1928, so it is unclear whether he returned home to 25 Locust to live with his wife and children after this or took lodgings elsewhere in Oberlin. Less than two months after the 1928 biographical sketch appeared in the newspaper, though, Julius Solomon was selling the shoe shop for which he had been praised, to W. C. Manzeck of Elyria. Following this he apparently did leave Oberlin; by 1929, this house is listed in Mrs. Victoria Solomon's name only. Her youngest son Victor still resided with her, working as a clerk. The Solomons left in 1930 and by 1933, Edward West and his wife Margaret had moved in. Edward and Margaret (nee Ward) had recently been married in 1927 at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Oberlin. Margaret was a 1923 graduate of OHS. Edward was one of the owners of the Dunlap dairy. The Wests lived in this house through 1940. By the next year, Harold Arthur Edwards and his family were the occupants. The house belonged to them for at least 20 years, through 1961. Harold was born in Oberlin and had graduated from OHS in 1926. He and his wife Ruth Iona (nee Van Ausdale), a classmate of Harold's at OHS, moved here in 1941 to start their family: Laraine Ruth (OHS 1959), Gene C. (OHS 1961) and Richard (OHS 1973). Harold worked as a sheet metal worker in 1942; by 1948 he was employed as a serviceman at Ohio Fuel Gas. Prior to 1956, he began to work as a driver and dispatcher for the Oberlin Fire Department. Ill health forced his retirement from that job in 1961, when Ruth was listed by the city directory as working as an assistant at Oberlin College. Harold apparently later worked in the stores department at Oberlin College. By his death in 1979, the family resided at 20 E. Lorain. His obituary in the Oberlin News-Tribune mentions that he was a devoted member of the Masons. After the Edwards' tenure here, the subsequent owners are unknown until Gregory and Jean Sorrell from 1992-1997. Ronald Brooks owned this house next, 1997-2000, and then Deborah Rifkin between 2000 and 2006.

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

45. Sources (Con't)