21. Building Type or Plan

Gabled Ell

22. Original Use, if apparent

Single Dwelling

23. Present Use

UNKNOWN USE

24. Ownership

Private

25. Owner's Name & Address, if known

V P K Ltd
653 Beech St.
Oberlin, OH, 44074

26. Property Acreage

0.27

27. Other Surveys


28. No. of Stories

Two story

29. Basement?

Yes

30. Foundation Material

Stone bearing

31. Wall Construction

Balloon western platform frame

32. Roof Type

Asphalt shingle

33. No. of Bays

2 Side Bays 3

34. Exterior Wall Material(s)

Clapboard or weatherboard

35. Plan Shape

Rectangular

36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:

17. Original/Most significant construct

17b. Substantial alteration/addition

37. Window Type(s)

1 over 1

38. Building Dimensions

45' x 63'

39. Endangered? NO

By What?

40. Chimney Placement

Off center within ridgeline

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road

30'

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

This vernacular gabled ell has elements of Gothic architecture, most notably in its steeply-pitched roof. At the front/north facade, the porch is at the left (northeast) corner, and is recessed. The porch has a square support that sits on a wood clapboard wall. Wood steps and metal railings lead up to the porch. Square lattice is below the porch. The door is within the porch, to the right, and is a modern replacement; it has a window with beveled glass. Above the porch, in the roof, a shed dormer covered in wood shingles has a window.

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

This house was built circa 1877, when the first resident, a cabinet maker named Chellas Safford Hopkins, was listed in a city directory. Reverend W. T. Mills lived here in 1883. The next known resident was Ansley Gray, a temperance lecturer who lived here from about 1887 to 1890. In 1891 Herman Seil and his wife moved in, before he enrolled in the Oberlin College Seminary. In 1894 the occupants were Thomas S. Dexter, his wife Emily Frances (nee Anthony), and their three sons James Edward, Charles Alfred, and Thomas Harold. Thomas Sr. was a farmer, teamster, and milkman. There was no listing for this address during 1896. During 1897, Clara M. Lehmann (nee Griffin) resided here with Elizabeth, widow of Henry Lehmman. Clara was elected to the Board of Education, President of the...
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Single off center
- Door Position: Flush
- Orientation: Gable with lateral wing
- Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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wing, which has two ribbons of four 1/1 double hung windows that extend the length of the elevation. At the original house, a 1/1 double hung window is at the left. In the roof, a shed dormer has two 1/1 double hung windows. At the center, a steep gabled dormer with a wood, shingled exterior has a 1/1 double hung window. The east elevation includes a modern, north-facing attached garage, which has a flat roof and drop/novelty clapboard. The portion that attaches the garage to the house is at the southeast corner; it has a flat roof and a door at the left. Wood steps and a wood railing lead to the door. A 1/1 double hung window is right of the door. At the original body of the house, the gabled portion is at the center and has a pair of 1/1 double hung windows at the first story, as well as a single, 1/1 window at the second story. The gable is covered in wood shingles, which flare slightly over the second story window. The right side of the elevation includes the front porch, which is at the northeast corner of the house. Within the porch, a 1/1 window faces east.

Oberlin League of Women Voters, and an Emeritus professor at the Conservatory at Oberlin College. From 1899 through 1900, Albert Jones and his wife Lettie (nee DeFrance) resided here. Their son Lawrence B. was listed with them and they also had five other children. A carpenter named William Glenn also lived here during the same time as the Jones family. The Jones family and Glenn were African American residents. It is unclear who resided here until 1904 when the address is listed under James Seymour Luckey. Mr. Luckey was an instructor at Oberlin College and later was principal at the Houghton Seminary in New York. He lived here with his wife Edith S. (nee Curtis) and their son Harold. From 1908 through 1916, Herbert C. Spore resided here and was a farmer. He lived here with his wife Amy W., a teacher, and their daughters Jessie and Mabel. Polly J. Walker, widow of George H. also lived at this address during 1908. In 1910, David Logie, a stone cutter, Milo Coslik, immigrant from Bulgaria, and Charles Meisler lived here with the Spores. Mrs. M. M. Kinney also was listed during 1916 at this address. After Herbert's death in 1916, his wife Amy continued to live here through 1920. From 1927 through 1933, the address was listed under Mrs. Isabel Caster. Also living here in 1933 were Sylvanus J. Crocker and his wife Emeline. S. J. Crocker was retired at this time. From 1935 through 1937 Carlton Henry Diedrick lived here with his wife Ruth and their two children. Mr. Diedrick was a sheet metal worker, plumber, and clerk for the U.S. Post Office. The home was vacant during 1939. The next resident was Andrew Stranhan Davidson who was listed here from 1940 through 1970. Andrew was the proprietor of Davidson Floral, a farmer, and a janitor for a cafeteria at Oberlin College. His wife was Mary C. (nee Geist). From 1956 on, Davidson is listed as the home owner, but actually resided at 250 East College. In 1941 and 1942 Walter John Gorske also resided here. Walter was a manager of a Shell gas station, proprietor of Oberlin Bike & Auto Supply, and was Vice President of the town of Oberlin. His wife Doris Mae (nee Cain) was an employee for the Chamber of Commerce and a representative for Halle Bros. From 1956 to through 1961, Milton S. Schuloff and his wife resided here. Milton was an employee for General Motors and his wife Ruth was an office secretary and nurse at Oberlin College. During 1970, James I. Mills and his wife Agnes were listed here as residents at 231. Mr. Mills was retired at this time. Mike Frederick was also listed that year at 231 1/2, and lived here through 1973. Mike was an employee for U.S. Steel. According to the county auditors, the current owner is V. P. K. Ltd.

Sources (Cont')