### Phillips House

**Address:** 290 West Lorain Street, Oberlin

**Historic Name(s):** Phillips House

**Present Name(s):** Phillips House

**Historian or Other Name(s):**

**Location of Negative:** OH-I.O. Resource Center

**Roll No.**: 1

**Picture No.(s)**: 10, 11

**City or Village:** Oberlin

**Zoning:** Easting

**Building Classification:** Building

**Original Use:** Single Dwelling

**Present Use:** Single Dwelling

**Ownership:** Private

**Property Acreage:** .17

**Basement:** Yes

**Foundations:** Stone bearing

**Wall Construction:** Balloon frame/western frame/pla

**Roof Type:** Gable with side gable

**Roof Material:** Asphalt shingle

**Exterior Wall Material:** Wood shingles

**Floor Plan:** Bungalow Dormer Front

**No. of Bay(s):** 3

**Exterior Window Material(s):** Wood shingles

**Endangered?**

**Chimney Placement:** Off center within ridgeline

**Distance from Road and Frontage on Road:** Approx. 35'

**Historical and Significance:**

This is a good example of a Dormer Front Bungalow in Oberlin. The exterior of the house is covered in wood shingles in the upper level with wood clapboard siding at the first story. The full front porch contains square supports with square balusters. The door appears to be new and is located at the center of the facade, and one-over-one windows with shutters flank the door. The upper sashes of these windows are much smaller than the lower sashes, continued...

The first known occupant of this house was Wilbur H. Phillips & the house was probably built between 1911-16 (City Directory). He served as Oberlin's mayor between 1918-1922 (Phillips), and was author of 'Oberlin Colony, The Story of a Century,' which was published in 1933. He lived here until around 1929 before he moved to King Street. The next known occupant was Lewis Edward Crist, who is listed here from 1929 to 1933 or 1934 (City Directory). Crist had a wife, Jeannette E. and a daughter; he continued...

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings:**

A wood fence runs between the house and the two-car detached garage. The garage has cross gables with a car door at the west elevation, and a four-panel window and a door at the north elevation. The house is located on a busy street corner, across the street from a church. Residences and other buildings of mixed uses are nearby.

**Sources of Information:**

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

and contain leaded glass. The gable dormer contains three windows, the center one larger than the other two, with leaded glass in the upper sashes. The west elevation contains two one-over-one windows with shutters at the first story; the left window is slightly smaller than the right. At the second story are two one-over-one windows. A fixed, square window is located in the gable. The east elevation appears to mirror the west elevation; however, the first story is obscured by foliage. The rear, north, elevation contains a "greenhouse" style addition at the first story, and is three bays wide. A metal awning shades a window above an older addition, attached to the greenhouse. A short door is located at the center of the second story, which leads to the flat roof of the older addition. A fixed rectangular window is located left of the door, and a skylight is located in the roof. This house is nearly identical to the home at 283 Oak Street and it appears that both were the work of the same builder.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

was the owner of a filling station (1930 Census). Roland M. Summers, a pharmacist, was the next occupant and he lived here with his wife and child between 1934-1936, followed by V. VanAusdale, a fireman, and his wife, Lucy (City Directory). The 1939 city directory lists B.F. Morningstar as the owner, and the 1942 directory names Henry C. Duwe. By 1956, the widow of Lewis Edward Crist, Jeanette, returned to the house (she may have always lived here with the above tenants), and apparently remained until her death in 1974.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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