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### 6. Specific Address or Location
145 North Main Street

### 7. City or Village
If Rural, Township & Vicinity
Oberlin

### 8. Site Plan with North Arrow

![Site Plan Diagram]

### 9. U.T.M. Reference

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### 11. On National Register?
No

### 12. N.R. Potential?
Yes

### 13. Part of Esth Hist Dist?
No

### 14. Dist. Potential?
Yes

### 15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)

### 16. Thematic Association(s)
Education, Women, Religion, Abolition, Religion, Abolition

### 17. Date(s) or Period
1912

### 17b. Alteration Date(s)

### 18. Style or Design
Tudor/English Revival

### 18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)

### 19. Architect or Engineer
Normand Patton

### 19a. Design Sources
unknown

### 20. Contractor or Builder
unknown

### 21. Building Type or Plan
Other House

### 22. Original Use, if apparent
Dormitory

### 23. Present Use
Dormitory

### 24. Ownership
Public

### 25. Owner’s Name & Address, if known
Oberlin College
173 West Lorain Street
Oberlin OH 44074

### 26. Property Acreage
50' x 80' approx.

### 27. Other Surveys in Which Included
no

### 28. No. of Stories
2 and 1/2

### 29. Basement?
Full

### 30. Foundation Material
Sandstone

### 31. Wall Construction
Brick-lined Frame

### 32. Roof:
Type: Gable
Pitch: Steep
Material: Clay Tile, Roman Tile

### 33. No. Bays
Front: 5
Side: 6

### 34. Exterior Wall Material(s)
Brick, Common/American Bond Wall
Wood, Half Timber

### 35. Plan Shape
Rectangular

### 36. Changes (Explain in #42)
Altered

### 37. Window Type(s)

### 38. Bldg. Dims.
50' x 80' approx.

### 39 Endangered?
No

### 40. Chimney Placement
Lateral Exterior

### 41. Distance from road
35' approx.

### 41b. Frontage on road
80' approx.

### 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features
A huge porch with big brick piers spans the front of Keep Cottage. The door to the house is in the middle of this porch, and there are large bay windows on each side of it. The first floor is brick, and the second is stucco with exposed half-timbers. On the top story there are two large wall dormers, with exaggerated large woodwork under the eaves. On the south side of the building there are two bay windows with shed roofs on the first floor. The other windows have segmented arches. The bottom section of the “T” shape of the house is attached to the back, with a gable roof. Under this section is a basement which is a bike repair shop. On the north side of the house is a lateral exterior chimney.

### 43. History and Significance
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### 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)
This building is flanked by driveways into a large parking lot that serves Oberlin College and First Church.

### 45. Sources of Information

### 46. Prepared by
D.G. Henry, G. Baudoin, M. Franck

### 47. Organization
O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.

### 48. Date Recorded
2/2/2002

### 49 Revised by

### 50a. Date Revised

### 50b. Reviewed by

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51. Condition of Property

- Excellent
- Good/Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruin
- Destroyed/Burned

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

**Barn Type(s)**

- n/a

**Archaeological Feature:**

- Observed
- Expected on Basis of Archival Research

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53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

54. Farmstead Plan

OAI Completed?

- No

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