This vernacular, gabled ell house has stone steps that lead up to the full front porch. The porch has a hip roof & lattice runs below the porch. The porch has simple square supports with simple square caps. A modern wall runs around the perimeter of the porch; the wall is comprised of solid wood sheets. The door is located at the left side of the elevation & has sidelights. The lower quarter of each sidelight contains a filled panel, rather than glass. 2 1/2 double hung windows are located at the right side of the 1st story. The 2nd story has 1 large 1/2 double hung window with shutters. The gable has a small, square window. A cross-gabled section at the left side of the elevation contains a square window, which is located high in the 1st story & is flanked by shutters. The north elevation features a projecting cross-gable at the center & has a large 1/2 double hung window between the 1st & 2nd stories. A 1/2 double hung window is located at the left of the 1st story. 2 additions are visible at the rear. The 2nd addition, which is the farthest east, has a higher gable than the 1st addition (located between the house & 2nd addition). The 1st addition has a continued...

The house was built between 1861-73 and the first resident listed in city directories is Amos C. Geer in 1873. Amos died in 1874, but his wife, Harriet (nee Chapin) lived here through 1894. In the 1877 directory and the 1880 census, Harriet's daughter, Anna M. Chapin Burnham (Mrs. Thomas E.) and granddaughter, Nellie M., lived with her. By 1900 Harriet lived in Russia Township with her daughter Mary Elizabeth and son-in-law George N. Carruthers. In 1895, Rev. Abraham Lincoln Squire moved into the house with his wife, Julia A. (nee Trout). Abraham had attended the OC Seminary and later became a lawyer and editor in Oklahoma. The Squires only lived here a short time and by 1897 Mrs. Mary E. Richardson had moved in with her daughter, Mary Hazen Richardson, a student at the Oberlin Academy. continued...

This house is located on a residential portion of Main Street/S.R. 58, which receives a regular flow of traffic.
54. Farmstead Plan:

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

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

Modern door with 9 lights in the upper half at the center, with a 1/1 double hung window to its left. The second (far east) addition has a 6/6 double hung window. The south elevation features a projecting cross-gable towards the center, which has a 1/1 double hung window at the 1st & 2nd stories. A small, square window is located in the center of the gable. 1/1 double hung windows are also located at both stories to the left of the gable; these windows have shutters. The portion right of the gable is obscured.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Mary E. passed away in 1906. By 1907, Mary H. had departed Oberlin for China, where she pursued missionary work. It is likely that Mary H. Richardson retained ownership of the house and the series of residents between 1907 and 1939 rented it from her. In 1908, Daniel P. Moneagle moved into the house with his wife Mary J and daughter Olive. Daniel was a foreman at the Oberlin News Printing Company. They are not listed in the directory in other years. The next known occupants were truck driver Delmar and Katharine (nee Hoeh) Horning, who were listed in the 1929 city directory. The 1933 directory lists carpenter A.L. and Sevilla E Bungard at this residence with two children, in addition to Alice, Alvin (a laborer) and Mary (employed at the Oberlin Laundry) Bungard. The 1935-6 residents were Ernest A and Minnie Malham and their child. Ernest was a painter and decorator; another daughter, Miss Beatrice Malham, also lived here. In 1937-8, WPA foreman James Reid lived here with his wife Jenet, as well as children James, Jr, a grocery clerk, and Elizabeth. Around 1939, Mary H. Richardson returned to this house and lived here in her retirement through 1961. She died in the early 1960s, by then in her upper 90s. By 1970, Mrs. Verba Lee Lewis had moved in with (presumably her sons) Steven, a student and Jeffery, a clerk at IGA Foodliner. Mrs. Lewis lived here through 1987. Recent owners include Georgia Cameron in 1991 - she lived in Grafton, OH; Thomas J Oster in the early 1990s.

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

45. Sources (Con't)