This one and a half story vernacular house has a front clipped-gable roof and faces east. The foundation of the house is rock faced concrete block. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The siding on the main portion of the building and porches appears to be aluminum or vinyl siding. A rectangular porch at the front of the house is probably historic but not original. The porch is one story and has a flat roof.

The house is located at the southwest corner of Morgan and Main Streets. There is a two bay garage to the southwest of the house. The garage lacks doors and has a gabled roof over one bay that is connected to the hipped roof over the other bay. It is possible that this garage belongs to the next house, 182 South Main.

A house used to stand on this lot from at least 1873 to 1910 and residents included shoemaker Augustus J. Rivers and family, several pastors of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Farrar, Curwood, Stetson, Frank, Lassen and Haylor families. It is unknown what happened to this first house. Based on Sanborn maps and city directories, the current house was built between 1922 and 1927, and the first known resident that year was Clarence A. Briggs, a carpenter, and his wife Cora. They only lived in the house for a few years, moving out by 1933. It was next purchased by the Spencer family. Glenn O. Spencer was a steam fitter and lived here with his wife Ethel and daughter Elaine Alice, who became a saleswoman. The Spencers left the house around 1940. At about the same time continued...

The Northeast corner of Morgan and Main Streets was one of the most active areas in the city during the early 20th century. This area was a bustling marketplace for local residents, and it was home to several prominent businesses. The current house was built during this period and has a history of interesting residents, including a shoe maker, several church pastors, and a steam fitter.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

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45. Sources of Information

1. No. LOR-02059-21
2. County Lorain
3. No. 54. Farmstead Plan:
4. Present Name(s) rental property
5. Historic or Other Name(s) Briggs-McRoberts House

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

- Morgan
- S Main
- Locust

Report Associated With Project:
NADB #: 

Door Selection: Single centered
Door Position: Recessed
Orientation: Gable end axis
Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry
### Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con’t)

- The basement has one window with six lights. At the rear is a one-story gabled extension or addition. The extension has a foundation of concrete blocks. The north face of the extension has a large plate glass window. The window and concrete suggest a later date of construction for this extension. The western face of the house was partially blocked from view. The first floor of the main section of the house has a 6/1 double-hung window and the basement of the main section has a window with six lights. The gable is clipped in the rear as it is in the front. The south face of the house has a small porch or covered entry for a door to the rear extension. The porch has a concrete base and flat roof. The side door is a newer metal door with 1/1 double-hung windows. To the west of the side door is a 1/1 double-hung window. The south face of the main section of the house has a window in the basement with six lights and a window with two lights separated by a wooden panel. Going from west to east on the south face, the first floor as a pair of 6/1 double-hung windows, one 1/1 double-hung window, and a triplet of 1/1 double-hung windows.

### History and Significance (Con’t)

Howard McRoberts, a foundry worker, moved in with his wife Isabelle D., a teacher, and daughter Betty Jane. Howard was named an auxiliary member of the fire department in 1942. The McRoberts continued to own the house until about 1990. According to the county auditor website Glenn J. Waltz purchased the house around 1994 and likely used it as a rental property. Little is known about occupants from that time until 2005, when L. Zimmerman is listed in the telephone book. The current owner is Donna Waltz and Rita Waltz has been listed as a landlord. It was a student rental as of 2008, although it may no longer be.

### Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con’t)

### Sources (Con’t)

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