**OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY**

**1. No.** LOR-1724-21  
**2. County** Lorain  
**3. Location of Negatives** O.H.I.O. Resource Cen  
**4. Present Name(s)** Morris House  
**5. Historic or Other Name(s)**  
**6. Specific Address or Location** 112 Morgan Street  
**7. City or Village** Oberlin  
**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**  

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**9. U.T.M. Reference**  
**Quadrangle Name:** Oberlin  
**17** 39776  
**4571147**  
**Zone** Easting  
**Northing**  
**10. Classification:** Building  
**11. On National Register?**  
**12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?**  
**13. Other Designation (NR or Local)**  
**14. No. of Stories** One and a half story  
**15. Basement?** Yes  
**16. Thematic Associations:** Scottish, Architect/Engineer Related  
**17. Date(s) or Period** c. 1916-1927  
**17b. Alteration Date(s)**  
**18. Style or Design** High Style  
**19. Architect or Engineer**  
**20. Contractor or Builder**  
**21. Building Type or Plan** Bungalow Gable Front  
**22. Original Use, if apparent** Single Dwelling, ,  
**23. Present Use** Single Dwelling, ,  
**24. Ownership** Private  
**25. Owner's Name & Address, if known**  
**26. Property Acreage** .15  
**27. Other Surveys**  
**28. No. of Bays** 3  
**29. Side Bays** Irregular  
**30. Foundation Material** Stone  
**31. Wall Construction** Balloon frame/western frame/pla  
**32. Roof Type** Cross gable  
**33. Building Material** Asphalt shingle  
**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)** Stone  
**35. Plan Shape Rectangular**  
**36. Changes** Addition Altered Moved  
**37. Window Type(s)** 5 over 1,  
**38. Building Dimensions**  
**58 x 26**  
**39. Endangered?** By What?  
**40. Chimney Placement** Gable end, exterior  
**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road** Approx. 25'  
**42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)**  
This house is an example of a Gable Front Bungalow in Oberlin. The porch is comprised of rough-cut stone, which makes up the supports and walls, as well as the majority of the home's exterior and chimneys. The door is located near the center and has five-over-one windows to the left and right with vertical muntins in the upper sashes. A small, three-light window is situated in the gable; the gable's uppermost portion is comprised of wood continued...  
**43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)**  
This house was built c. 1916-1927; the first known occupants were the Morris family who lived here by 1927 (City Directory). John S. Morris was born in Scotland and emigrated to the U.S. in 1883. Mary Ann was born in England and also emigrated to the U.S. in 1883, shortly before marrying John. John was a mason contractor and stonecutter who died in 1930, followed by Mary's move out of the house. They had four children: Euphemia, who married D.W. Drage in 1907 and other daughters, Florence E continued...  
**44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)**  
A detached garage has a standing seam metal hip roof, and it appears to be unaltered.  
**45. Sources of Information**  
O-High Alumni, Internet, http://www.oberlin-high.org/, Accessed 2003; 'John Morris has new Baby Girl,' 'Oberlin News,' 3 July 1902: 1; 'Eupemia Morris married D.W. Drage,' 'Oberlin News,' 12 November 1907: 5; 'John L. Morris Taken By Death; Ill Only Week,' 'Oberlin News-Tribune,' 18 May 1937: 1; continued...
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51. Condition of Property: Excellent
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Single centered
Door Position: Flush
Orientation: Gable end axis
Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

FOR OHPO USE:
49. Revised By:
50a. Date Revised:
50b. Reviewed by:
RPR Number:

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

shingles. The west elevation includes an exterior chimney that runs through the gable. A contemporary projecting bay is situated left of the chimney, with a double hung window to the far left. A set of three double hung windows is situated to the right of the chimney, with a single to the far right. The east elevation is mostly obscured due to a great deal of foliage growing on the house. This house is similar in materials and proportion to the stone bungalow at 302 E. College Street and may represent the work of the same builder.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

and Leona M. Their son, John L was a graduate of OHS & OC & worked in advertising in Philadelphia, New York City, Cleveland & Lake Bluff, IL; he married Eleanor C. DeGroff. Earnest E. Etoll and his wife Josephine lived here by 1933. Earnest was a teacher at the Oberlin School of Commerce. The couple had at least two children. By 1939, attorney John von Blum lived in this house. His law office was at 95 S. Main. In 1942, Albert E. Norling lived in this house. He was the president of the Oberlin Canteen Company, which manufactured bait canteens to keep fishing bait alive and vigorous. F. A. Holmes lived here in 1956. By 1961, Lillian D. and Carl Richard Swenson lived here. Lillian was an office secretary at Oberlin College and Richard was a technical salesman. In 1970 Mrs. L. E. Bollinger lived in this house. According to local historian Prue Richards, Elizabeth Guenther lived here (in her grandparents’ house) by 1976 with her husband & 3 children.

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