This house is an example of a Craftsman style Front Dormer Bungalow. The main facade features two porches. The right, corner porch has square supports and square balusters. A contemporary door has nine lights in the upper half, and three casement windows are to the right of the door. Stone steps lead to this porch, which appears to be attached to an addition. The porch at the left side has a shed roof that extends from the main roof and two wide, continued...

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51. Condition of Property: Excellent
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies
53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers
   Door Selection: Two doors asymmetrical
   Door Position: Flush
   Orientation: Lateral axis
   Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

54. Farmstead Plan

FOR OHPO USE:
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)
   square supports. The door has four lights in the upper half and two molded wood panels. A skylight is in the roof, above the entrance, with a second skylight to the right. The center bay has a projecting bay window, with casement windows that appear to be replacements, at the first story and a shed dormer with a one-over-one window and a window box in the second story. The east elevation includes an entrance near the center of the elevation and contemporary wood steps leads up to it. Two casement windows are to the left and a small one-over-one window is to the right. The west elevation has a new, concrete block foundation at the left (front of the house), and the left side has historic, rock-faced blocks. Three square windows are near the center of the first story and a one-over-one window is near the left. The second story is covered in wood shingles, with two one-over-one windows. An entrance is located at the basement. The rear elevation has an addition at the rear and an exterior chimney. Shed dormers are housed in the roof.

43. History and Significance (Con't)
   missionary in China & returned about 20 years later, after his retirement (Alumni Catalogue, Oberlin News, City Directory). The first occupants of this house also have missionary connections. Lucien W. Chaney, his son-in-law, Watts Orsen Pye, & their families lived here by 1916 (City Directory). Lucien Chaney’s eldest child, Gertrude, was married to Watts O. Pye (O-High Alumni). Watts graduated from the Oberlin Theological Seminary & Gertrude from OC in 1908 (Alumni Catalogue). Both Watts & Gertrude became missionaries to China through Oberlin’s Shansi program (Oberlin News). They probably resided here in 1916 during a return trip; by 1919, Watts & Gertrude were back in Asia when the Oberlin News reported the birth of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth in Fenchow, China (Oberlin News). Lucien’s wife, Mary H. Chaney, apparently resided here as well around 1916, along with Edwin Hall Chaney, Gertrude’s younger brother (Holsworth).
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44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

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