## OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

### 231 Morgan St

**Specific Address or Location:**

**Lot, Section or VMD Number:**

**City or Village:**

**U.T.M. Reference**

**Description**

- **No academic style - Vernacular**

- **Original Porch:**
  - **Materials:**
    - **Asphalt shingle**
  - **Original Paneling:**
    - **Aluminum or vinyl siding**

- **Roof Type:**
  - **Shingle**

- **Foundation Material:**
  - **Stone**

### History and Significance

This house was constructed between 1888 and 1890 when the first known resident, James Carter, moved in. James Carter had been a member of the Ohio 19th Infantry during the Civil War. He shared the home with his wife Sarah and children Perry and Lillian. Lillian later became an artist. By 1894 Ethel Gill, a milliner, had moved in with the Carters. Later that year, Ms. Gill and the Carters had departed; the home's new residents were Lyman M. Edwards, his wife Fannie Sophia, and their daughter Fannie Evangeline (Eva) and granddaughter Fannie W. By 1904 Eva had moved away. Fannie W., OHS 1903, lived here until 1910, working as a teacher after graduated from OC in 1908. In 1910 she married James Sackell and moved to New London, Connecticut. Lyman Edwards passed away in 1911 and Fannie Sophia continued...

## Sources of Information

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

Door Selection:
Corner

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable with lateral wing

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #: 
### Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Cont')

Concrete steps with a probable-wood handrail. The north elevation of the west gable element has two vertically-aligned 1/1 double hung windows. The east elevation of the front gable has a 1/1 double hung window with no shutters over the porch, which itself has three contiguous three by five pane windows above the porch railing. The east elevation of the side gable is identical to the north elevation of the front gable. There is another enclosed porch, with some historic woodwork, especially on and around the screen door, behind the east-facing side gable. The steps to the porch are stone and brick, and the area under the porch floor is filled with wooden square lattice. The porch has three screened windows on its east elevation, and the screen door faces the northeast. The area above the door and windows is filled with a decorative open woodwork that mimics the form of a transom, except that instead of glass between muntins, there is screen between the vertical woodwork elements. On the west elevation, the side gable has two vertically-aligned 1/1 double hung windows. The first story is wider than the second story, giving this gable a 'stepped' profile. There are no additional features in the first story despite its additional width. There is a small louvered vent in the gable's apex. A recessed wing is visible at the rear of the house; it appears to have an historic door similar to that on the front porch, so is probably original. The west elevation of the front gable has a small window on each side of the chimney. Basement windows are present but covered.

### History and Significance (Cont')

Passed away in 1915. By 1916 F.D. Wilson, an overseer, had moved in with his wife Sadie and their children Florence, Alice and Warren. The 1927 phone book lists William Scott Carson, a salesman, along with his wife, Olive, and their children Ester, Susan, William Jr. and Virginia, all OHS graduates at this address. The Carsons continued to live in the home through 1929, but had moved away by 1930. The next known residents were Arthur Nilsson, a professor of economics at OC, his wife Una and their children, Arthur and Una. As a professor Mr. Nilsson published an important study on tax delinquency in the state of Ohio. By 1935 E.L. Lezotte moved in for a short stay that ended by 1937 with the arrival of Mrs. Margaret Utterback, a professor at OC, and later a teacher at the Prospect School. She lived at the home with two children, Margaret and Mary. The younger Margaret was a student at the Northfield Seminary for Girls in Northfield, Massachusetts, graduating in 1942; she then entered OC. Mary graduated from the same school in 1943. The senior Margaret helped the war effort by spending the summer of 1942 working in a steel factory in Elyria. Later that year she wrote an article titled 'Teaching Democracy in the Fourth Grade,' which was published in the Journal of the National Education Association. In early 1945 the younger Margaret joined the Air Force and entered training in Iowa. She planned to become an Air Force mechanic and had flown about 100 solo hours from the Lorain County Airport. Sometime around 1942 the Utterbacks appear to have moved to a different home in Oberlin and Louise Jacobs moved in. By 1944 Alfred Zesiger, retired, arrived with his wife Erna. Alfred died by 1948 leaving the house to his widow. She continued to live here into the 1970s when Nathan Twining arrived. He appears to have subdivided the house, renting part to Brian Grant. In 1997 Richard Salter owned the home, though did not reside here. Since 1999 John N. Hobbs has lived in the house.

### Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Cont')

### Sources (Cont')