The projecting gable at the right side of the facade marks the entry into this Tudor Revival, Gable Front Bungalow. An elaborate entablature with garland motif and fluted pilasters surround the door, which has a fanlight in its upper half and two molded wood panels. A circular window is above the curving, broken pediment above the door. A painted, exterior chimney at the left side of the elevation has a small, two-over-two window to the right at continued...

This house was built between 1929-33 for the first known occupants, Jerry and Deanna Steel, who lived here with their two children. Jerry was the proprietor of the Apollo Theatre at 19 East College Street (City Directory). The next known occupants in 1935 were Frederick M and Marian Zorbaugh, who lived here with their two children (City Directory). Frederick was an assistant professor at Oberlin College who wrote his PhD entitled, 'Town & Gown: A Sociological Study of the Relations of Oberlin continued...

A detached, two-car garage with a steep, front-facing gable is behind the house.
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51. Condition of Property: Excellent

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

54. Farmstead Plan

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52a. History and Significance (Con't)

College to the Community of Oberlin,' in 1939 (OC Archives). The Zorbaughs lived here until 1941 or 1942 (City Directory). John Ebenezer and Virginia Ballard Wirkler were the next known occupants from 1956 through 1961 (City Directory). Virginia was educated at the college Conservatory (Holsworth). According to local historian Dick Lothrup, John was assistant & associate secretary of the college. The residents in 1970 were Thomas Edward and Helen B (nee Laird) Harris. In 1970, Thomas was employed at Nelson as a stud carpenter and Helen was a teacher at Eastwood Elementary School (City Directory). Both Thomas and Helen attended Oberlin College in the 1930s, and Thomas acted as Assistant to the President of Oberlin College until he resigned in 1953 to work for the office of the Alumni Secretary (Biography). Other owners of the house include: Malcom & Jenny Scott, followed by James W. Scott (1991-1998), Real Systems (1998-2000).

53. Sources (Con't)

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