### Cunningham-Champney House

**Location:** 36 Morgan Street, Oberlin, Lorain County, Ohio

**Date Built:** 1908

**Architect:** Frank Cunningham

**Style:** Queen Anne

**Historic Name:** Cunningham-Champney House

**Present Name:** Cunningham-Champney House

**Thematic Associations:** Grain Farm, Bulk Products Industries

**Alteration Date:** 1916

**Alteration:** Moved

**Changes:** Yes

**Historical Use:** Single Dwelling

**Present Use:** Single Dwelling

**Ownership:** Private

**Chimney Placement:** Off center within ridgeline

**Frontage on Road:** Approx. 25'

**Distance from Road:**

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

A gravel and brick driveway runs alongside this well-maintained home, which is situated among other homes in good condition.

### History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

This house was built in 1908 for Frank Cunningham (Oberlin News, City Directory), and by 1916 Arnold F. Champney was the resident (City Directory). Arnold was a coal, grain, and building supplier. Mr. Champney lived at this house with his wife Alnora, and his children Gladys, Erma, Sylvia, and Lee (Holsworth). The Champney children were accomplished; Gladys as a local artist and art teacher for the Cleveland public schools. Erma was a secretary in the family coal business; Lee also worked in the coal business.

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### Sources of Information

- 'Frank Cunningham, Morgan Street,' 'Oberlin News,' 16 December 1908: 5.
- City Directories, O.H.I.O. continued...
51. Condition of Property: **Good/Fair**
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: **Single off center**
Door Position: **Flush**
Orientation: **Gable with two story same height**
Symmetry: **Bilateral symmetry**

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

The gable is covered in fish scale shingles. A louvered vent is located in the gable. Pilasters run up the corners of the house. The east elevation projects out at the center, with fish scale shingle in the gable and cornice returns. Two fixed, stained glass windows are also located in the gable. Left of the projection, one-over-one windows are located at the first and second stories. The first story addition contains a shed roof; this feature is difficult to see, as it is obscured. The west elevation contains a large dormer with fish scale shingles and a one-over-one window. Two one-over-one windows are located in the second story. A pair of one-over-one windows is located at the left side of the first story, with a single window of the same type towards the right. An addition is located at the rear of the house, with a corner window and a (possibly) boarded-in porch, indicated by the vertical (rather than horizontal) siding.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)

family coal business, as well as a hardware store and Locke’s Garden Center (Oberlin News). One of the other residents of the house was E.C. Brill. By 1975, Allan and Elizabeth Patterson owned the house (City Directory, Property Card). According to local historian, Jane Blodgett, Allan taught at Langston Middle School, was a founder of the Oberlin Oral History Project, and is currently a minister (Surovy).

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con’t)

45. Sources (Con’t)

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