This house is an example of a Side Hallway plan in the Dutch Colonial Revival style. The door is located to the extreme left, and it includes a flat-roofed portico with a simple entablature. The roof is supported by metals posts and has metal railings. The base of the stoop is brick with cement steps leading up to it. The door, which has been altered, has six molded panels and sidelights. The sidelights are filled in the lower third. The exterior continued...

This house was built in 1908 for Wilmot & Caroline (nee Soule) Metcalf & their children Rachel & Norman (Oberlin News, Holsworth, City Directory). Wilmot attended OC Preparatory School, both children attended OHS & Norman attended the Conservatory (Holsworth). The men were active in WWI; Norman joined the Aero Squadron in 1918 & Wilmot joined the American Volunteer Motor Ambulance in France in 1917 (Oberlin News). Wilmot's letters home from Europe regarding refugees & German prisoner hospitals continued...

A contemporary two-car detached garage is located behind the house. The house is in good condition and has a gravel drive leading to the garage.

Sources of Information

'New Houses: Metcalf, South Cedar and Oak Streets,' 'Oberlin News,' 11 August 1908: 5.; O.H.I.O. Building Files, O.H.I.O. Resource Center.; 'Wilmot V. Metcalf Joins American Volunteer Motor Ambulance in France,' Oberlin News, 8 August 1917, p. 1.; 'Wilmot V. Metcalf letter from Swiss border on continued...
chimney runs up the elevation, left of the center. A one-over-one window is located to the left of the chimney. In the second story, two one-over-one windows are situated to the left and right of the chimney. The attic has a window to the right of the chimney, which has two sliding panes. The gambrel roof is comprised of wood shingles. The west elevation contains a door near the center with a one-over-one window above it. At the left is another one-over-one window. Two casement windows with three panels are located right of the door and additional casements are situated at the far right, in the one-story addition. Another gambrel gable is located near the right side at this elevation. Two one-over-one windows are in the second story and a square window is in the attic. The east elevation includes a one-story porch that begins at the center and extends right; it contains simple square supports. The foundation of the porch is concrete block. A door with sidelights leads to the porch. The gambrel gable has a small second story window. The house was remodeled in 1978 (Ohio Building Files).

43. History and Significance (Con't)

were published in the Oberlin News. Wilmot’s profession is unknown, but he had an office at 161 N Professor St (City Directory). Norman, who was married with 2 children in the early 1920s, was killed in a 1929 gas explosion in Washington (Oberlin News). The Metcalfs lived here over 20 years, through 1929 (City Directory). In 1935, Sarah & S.D. Koonce occupied the house; by 1937 through 1944, Mary & Francis Buckler lived here with their child (City Directory). Francis was a professor at OC’s Graduate School of Theology (City Directory). He conducted a Haskell lecture in 1925-6 on Asian despotism & spoke to the Exchange Club about India (Oberlin News). By 1956, Charlotte & Bob Bourne lived here with their 2 children through 1961 (City Directory). Bob was a foreman at National Tube. By 1970, John & Marianne Popovich lived here with their 2 children (City Directory).

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

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