This Colonial Revival house has a full front porch with wide, square supports and a clapboard wall around the perimeter. Square posts are located in the wood railing of the steps, which are also comprised of wood. Square lattice runs below the porch. The first story has a door near the right, along a wall that is recessed. The door has five molded wood panels as well as sidelights and transoms over the door and sidelights. The left side of the continued...

The first known residents of this house were in 1894 (City Directory). The inhabitants were Abbie P. Reed, widow of Dr. Andrew B. Reed, and her five children: Nellie I, Ruth M, Amelia L, Arthur F, and Ralph A. Nellie received her philosophy degree from Oberlin College in 1899. Nellie was a junior high school geography teacher. Abbie Reed continued to live in the house until 1916 (City Directory). Nellie I. Reed lived in the house until 1942 with other women: Kate B. Leonard in 1927 and Mrs. Anna continued...


The house is in excellent condition, as are those surrounding it. A large, detached two-car garage is situated behind the house.
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2. County | Lorain  
3. Location of Negatives | O.H.I.O. Resource Cen  
4. Present Name(s) |  
5. Historic or Other Name(s) | Reed House  

| Roll No. | 15  
| Picture No.(s) | 04,05  
| 51. Condition of Property: | Good/Fair  
| 52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies |  
| 53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers |  
| Door Selection: | Single off center  
| Door Position: | Recessed  
| Orientation: | Other  
| Symmetry: | Bilateral asymmetry  

54. Farmstead Plan  

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

facade features three windows with transoms; the center window is larger than those that flank it. The second story has another set of three windows, the center one larger; all are one-over-one. A single one-over-one window is at the right side. A gable is located in the roof at the left side; it features a fanlight with decorative wood overlays below it. The east elevation includes the front porch, which wraps to this elevation. A door leads to the porch, and a one-over-one window is situated in the first story. A protruding gabled section has a cutaway bay in the first story. The rear of the house includes a two-story porch with simple square supports and balusters. The west elevation features a projecting gabled section near the center of the elevation. One-over-one windows are included in the first and second stories. The attic has a pair of small, one-over-one windows. A two-story addition at the rear may be an enclosed portion of the two-story porch.

43. History and Significance (Con't)  

Beckwith in 1937. Anna was born in Batopilas, Chihuahua, Mexico, and she attended the Conservatory. She was married to Charles Beckwith, and her father was Milo Wilkinson. By 1942, Anna left and was replaced by Raymna Fisher. In 1956, Charles Jean Cooley moved into the house ending the Reed’s occupancy of 237 Oak Street. Charles graduated from Oberlin in 1942 and went on to receive his MD in 1949 at the University of Louisville before returning to Oberlin to Practice medicine. Charles’ wife Eleanor was a teacher who also graduated from Oberlin College, and received her MA from Kent State. The Cooleys were reported to live in the house until at least 1961 (City Directory). OC professor of English, Robert Pierce acquired the house in 1973.

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

45. Sources (Con’t)  

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