This simplified Georgian Revival house is two stories, three-bay, double-pile, and is symmetrically ordered in a Four-over-Four plan with a westerly wing. The exterior is clad in vinyl siding on the first story and wood shingles on the second story. At the front/south facade, the entrance is centered within the main block of the house. The door is flanked by four-light sidelights over recessed panels and is topped by a blind fanlight. A broken-pediment hood, with full entablature and interior barrel vault, shades the door. Tuscan columns and pilasters support the hood. Brick steps, flanked by brick half-walls, lead up to the stoop in front of the door. 8/1 double hung windows flank the entry. Centered in the second story is a window with a square lower sash and fanlight in the upper sash. 6/1 double hung windows flank the center window. Paired 6/6 double hung windows open to the one-story wing. On the east elevation of the main block the first story has two hopper windows at the left and paired 1/1 double hung windows at the right. The second story has two 1/1 double hung windows. The attic gable has a window that is square in its lower sash and has a fanlight in continued...

According to Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps and Oberlin city directories, this house was constructed between 1922 and 1927. The first known occupants were Professor Walter Marshall Horton and his wife, Lidie Loring (nee Chick). Walter was born in Middlesex, Massachusetts in 1895. He distinguished himself through his education at Harvard University, where he graduated summa cum laude and received a BD from Union and an MA in philosophy from Columbia. He also earned a fellowship that allowed him to study at the Sorbonne and Strasbourg and Marburg universities. He was said to be fluent in both French and German and established relations with theologians in France and Germany.

This house is located on a residential street. The garage is historic. It has a gable front, wood clapboard, and a single door wide enough for two cars. A pedestrian door at the west side is comprised of wood and has a window in its upper half.
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

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its upper sash. An addition near the center of the elevation has a flat roof with a non-historic, wood railing above the roof, which creates a porch. Within the addition are paired casement windows and paired 6/6 double hung windows. To the right of the flat-roofed portion, another addition has a shed roof, which rises up higher than the porch rails. At the west elevation, the wing has a bank of four 6/6 double hung windows. The wing has a hip roof and is at the right side of the west elevation. The remainder of the first story is obscured. However, the rear, one-story addition is visible; it has a west-facing gable and a door, which is also obscured. At the main body of the house, the exterior chimney runs through the gable. Small windows flank the chimney at the second story and the attic. The attic windows have six lights and cornice returns at the eaves.

**History and Significance (Con't)**

world. He later earned his STM from Union and his PhD in theology from Columbia. By 1925, he arrived in Oberlin (this is likely when the house at 248 Oak Street was built). He was hired as an associate professor of Systematic Theology for the college's Graduate School of Theology and in the Department of Religion. One year later, he took the position of Fairchild Professor of Systematic Theology. He became world-renowned for his efforts to promote the Protestant ecumenical movement. He was also a popular author and wrote several books including: Can Christianity Save Civilization, Christian Theology: An Ecumenical Approach, and A Psychological Approach to Theology. He gave sermons, spoke on radio programs, held lectures, and traveled the world to bridge the gap between liberal and conservative theologians. He was a consultant at ecumenical conferences and lectured around the world. His wife, Lidie, studied music at Boston University and was known to be a talented vocalist and musician. When Lidie died in 1961, Walter retired from teaching in Oberlin. The next year, he married Marie Rankin, who was a Professor Emerita of Education in Oberlin. Following their wedding, they taught English and Theology at the United Theological College in Bangalore, India, from 1962-1963. They returned to the United States and Walter worked as a visiting professor at Chicago Theological Seminary before his death in 1966. Horton occupied this house through 1961, and it is unknown whether he sold the house before moving to India with Marie. The next known occupants in 1970 were Andrew Ruckman, II and his wife, Kay Woodruff, both Oberlin College graduates (1961). Andrew and Kay had two children (Andrew and Eleanor). Andrew was the managing editor of the Oberlin News-Tribune and later an editor at the Elyria Chronicle-Telegram. Kay also worked as a journalist for the Oberlin News-Tribune and taught English at Elyria High School. The current owner continues to be Andrew Ruckman with his second wife, Cindy Evans Ruckman, an employee of the National Association of College Stores (NACS) in Oberlin.

**Sources (Con't)**

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