This house is an example of a Colonial Revival Cape Cod in Oberlin. The house features a central entry that is recessed and contains Doric pilasters and sidelights, in addition to decorative muntins. A transom is located above the molded wood door, and its entablature arches out from the house. Cement steps lead up to the large stoop that contains an iron railing. Left and right of the entry are projecting bays, which are comprised of wood, continued...

Jack Annable, who built several houses in town, constructed this house in 1938 for Charles Lea & Silvia Comings (Rice); they lived here over 60 years (City Directory, O-High Alumni). Lea graduated from OHS & attended OC working as a clerk in the family bookstore, A.G. Comings & Sons, in 1928 (O-High Alumni). Lea moved into this house after marrying OC graduate Silvia Smith in 1937 (Alumni Register). Around this time, Lea & his brother Fred became the 3rd generation to manage the bookstore (City continued...)

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

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

A detached, two-car garage is located behind the house.

45. Sources of Information

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

rather than brick. The bays contain ten-over-ten windows at the center and four-over-four windows at the ends. Knee braces are located below the bays and scalloped carvings are in the entablatures. Three gabled dormers are located in the roof. The dormers have wood clapboard siding and six-over-six windows. The entablature above the first story has a scalloped wood overlay, which resembles garland. The east elevation includes twelve-over-twelve windows with shutters to the left and right of the exterior chimney. Smaller windows flank the chimney at the second story. An addition to the far right and rear of the house is primarily obscured by foliage, and is comprised of a wood clapboard exterior. The west elevation has two eight-over-eight windows near the left side of the first story, and three small windows near the right. The second story has a pair of six-over-six windows to the right and left, as well as a square vent and cornice returns in the gable.

### 43. History and Significance (Con't)

Directory). They were joint proprietors until 1959 when they sold the bookstore to the Co-op but stayed on as managers until retiring in 1969. In 1947, Lea was elected to 2 consecutive City Council terms (O-High Alumni). He was director of the People’s Bank in 1938 & served 40 years on the Advisory Board when it became a branch of the Lorain County Savings Trust Co. (O-High Alumni). Lea was treasurer of the Exchange Club until a national ruling restricted membership to whites only; he resigned in opposition of the new policy. Lea helped form the Oberlin City Club & was an active member for 35 years (O-High Alumni). Sylvia was a member of the Senior Forum & served as president twice between 1940-80. Lea & Sylvia’s children were Jane, who attended Prospect Elementary School & graduated from OHS, & Eleanor, an OHS & OC graduate who became an elementary teacher (O-High Alumni, Alumni Register).

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

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