This vernacular side hallway house has a few hints of Italianate architecture. The main facade features an entry at the left and a projecting, polygonal bay at the right. The entry has a stoop with concrete steps and a painted metal railing leading up to it. The door is flanked by pilasters, which are capped with ornate brackets, located below a projecting cornice. The projecting cornice creates a hood over the door and has dentil molding below continued...

This house was probably built sometime around 1891, the year when its first residents moved in: Sara Cox-Kenaston (probably divorced from Arthur Kenaston before moving into this house) and her son Herbert Kenaston, a local printer. About 1902, the Kenastons left an continued...

This house is in stable condition and is located on a residential street in Oberlin. It is very similar to 54 N. Park

45. Sources of Information
City Directories, O.H.I.O. Resource Center; Gordon, Stephen C, 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, 1992; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.lorain.ohio.gov/county

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51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies
Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Single off center
Door Position: Flush
Orientation: Gable end axis
Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

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49. Revised By:
50a. Date Revised:
50b. Reviewed by:
RPR Number:

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

it. The projecting bay at the right of the door is three-sided; each side has a replacement window. Decorative brackets support the bay's flat roof, which also displays dentil molding. The second story has a pair of windows, which are clearly replacements, as evidenced by the patched siding below them; the original windows were taller than their replacements. A projecting pediment caps the pair of windows with decorative scrollwork in the gable. A vent is located near the roof, in the home's gable. The north elevation includes a small, one-story addition with a hip roof, which is located at the left of the elevation. The addition has small square windows and vertical siding. In the second story, a tall two-over-one window is at the center, with a small, square window to the right, near the corner of the house. The south elevation includes two replacement casement windows at the first and second stories. The second story windows have decorative pediments above them.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

(City Directory). Godfrey received a patent on a non-crank automobile starter (1909), opened the Gas Engine Starter Co. (1910), and received another patent (1909), on a continuous music record player (Oberlin News). Around 1910, the City Directory shows James Van Allen taking ownership of this house and living here with his wife Harriet. Upon his death in 1919, Harriet rented part of this house to an Oberlin College student, Marguerite Dalton (Holsworth). The city directories' records on this house drop out there and resume in 1929 with Max Oldfield, a foreman, and his wife May taking up residence here with their four children. About 1933, Mrs. May Hacker lived in this house, and stayed until about 1940. Paul M. Rudy, a factory worker in Elyria, and his wife Luella occupied this house in 1942. About 1948, Frank Parsons, president and owner of Parsons Jersey Dairy, and his wife Dorothy took ownership of the house until some time in the 60's. Fred Snyder Jr., a custodian at Prospect Elementary School and Oberlin High c/o '41 graduate, and his wife Margaret lived in this house from about 1970 to 1973 (City Directory, O-High Alumni).

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

45. Sources (Con't)
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