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The house has a full front porch at the west facade. The porch is recessed into the house and has square supports that sit on a wood clapboard wall. The porch has rock-faced stone bases for supports. Wood steps lead up to the porch. The exterior of the house is covered in drop or novelty siding. The entry at the center of the facade is a modern door with filled panels and a modern screen door. The door is flanked by 1/1 replacement windows. A gabled dormer is in the roof; it has three 4/1 windows, each with vertical muntins. On the south elevation the main body of the house has two replaced 1/1 windows at the first story. The second story has a 1/1 window with shutters. An addition at the right side of the elevation has a recessed porch with turned posts and turned rails in the balustrade. A one story addition was added to the house by 1933, but the current addition is larger than the one added in 1933. Wood steps lead up to the porch. An attached garage appears to be quite old (possibly historic, though not originally attached, and not located on this property until at least 1942) is at the far right; it has a single car door and a solid pedestrian door to its continued...

This house has mostly had short-term residencies by Oberlin families, along with a few extended family members and boarders. This house was likely built around 1890 when Charles Edwards was first listed at this address in the Oberlin city directory. Charles was a tinner. From 1891-1900, Mrs. Mary Pope was listed here. Also, in 1894, Mrs. Jennie G. Morse and most likely her daughters Edna, Blanche, and Marie were residents as well. In 1902 Mrs. Antoinette McCray resided here. Antoinette's husband was William McCray, but his name was not listed here. Antoinette attended the Oberlin College Conservatory from 1902-1903 and had two children who were also listed at this residence in 1904. Hugh, an apprentice, and Helen Harriet. In 1907 meat cutter J. W. Grinnell lived here along with his...continued...

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- **Door Selection:** Single centered
- **Door Position:** Flush
- **Orientation:** Lateral axis
- **Symmetry:** Bilateral symmetry
Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

The garage has a shed roof and clapboard siding. The north elevation has cornice returns in the portion of the roof that extends to the front porch. The main body of the house has a replaced 1/1 window with shutters at the first and second stories of the elevation. The house includes two rear additions. The addition closest to the original portion has a pair of small 1/1 windows at the far left. The smaller addition at the rear has two windows.

History and Significance (Con't)

wife Marian. The next known occupants were Alanson G. Davis and his wife Lucy A. Brooks, only listed in 1908. The couple both worked for George S. Pay. Alanson was a farm hand and Lucy was his housekeeper. From 1910-1920, Frank D. Cobb lived here with wife Cora Antoinette 'Nettie' and sons Charles and Wilfred. Frank D. was a janitor for the public library. Charles attended the Oberlin College Conservatory from 1907-1908 and was a janitor as well. Their second son Wilfred graduated from Oberlin High School in 1912. Six years later he died during WWI when his ship, Ticonderoga, was torpedoed. James Paul Court and his family were next listed at this address from 1927-1933. James graduated from Oberlin High School in 1919 and was an auto repairman, employee of the Oberlin Trucking Company, engineer for Municipal Light & Power, and Trustee of Russia Township. His wife Kathryn Bertha (nee Hahn) graduated from Oberlin High School in 1918. Their daughters Jean, Kathryn, and Carolyn graduated from Oberlin High School and Kathryn also graduated from Oberlin College. The next residents were D. A. Arrington and his wife Alta from 1935-1938. D. A. worked for the Ohio Fuel & Gas Company and Alta was a member of the Russia Township Farm Woman’s Club. From 1939 through 1943, Warren Gibson and his wife Ethel resided at this address. Warren was a manager for Ohio Fuel & Gas and Ethel was the proprietor of Mi-Lady Beauty Shop. The next known occupants were Charles D. Stoops (aka Stoups), his wife Ann, and one child, in 1948. In 1948 Ardella Patrick, a widow, also lived in the house. In 1956, Robert James Willbond and his family were listed here. Robert graduated from Oberlin High School in 1944 and was a plumber and worked at Willbond’s Grocery. He lived at this address with his wife Joanne and their two children. The next known occupant was Gilbert Hawkins Osmer and his family in 1961. Gilbert graduated from Oberlin High School and was a decorator and painter for Oberlin College. His wife Alma (nee Van Camp) was an office stenographer and library assistant at Oberlin College. Judith Nickles, a bookkeeper at Twining Motor Sales, also lived with them. The next known residents were Knowlton Avery, his wife Daisy Carter (nee Mann), and their two children from 1970-1973. Knowlton was a mechanic. Daisy had graduated from Oberlin High School and was a stenographer and librarian at Pleasant Elementary School. From 1979-1985, Harold Curtis was listed at this address. Since approximately 1993 Leslie R. Curtis has been the owner. The property appears to be a rental.

Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

Sources (Con't)