Jean and William Ruth House

4. Present Name(s): Jean and William Ruth House

5. Historic or Other Name(s): Newton-Bliss House

1. No.: LOR-02167-21

2. County: Lorain

6. Specific Address or Location: 192 North Pleasant

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number: 0900076101048

7. City or Village: Oberlin

9. U.T.M. Reference: Oberlin

17. Zone: Easting 398274

17. Zone: Northing 4572425

18a. Design Sources: Kno

19a. Design Sources: Inventory.


21. Building Type or Plan: Holsworth, Pat. Oberlin Pioneer Database; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Gordon, Stephen C. 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic

22. Original Use, if apparent: Invention.

23. Present Use: No academic style - Vernacular

24. Ownership: Two story

25. Owner's Name & Address, if known: Good/Fair

26. Property Acreage: Private

27. Other Surveys: Alum

28. No. of Stories: B

29. Basement?: B

30. Foundation Material: Historic

31. Wall Construction: Most significant construct

32. Roof Type: Original/Most significant construct

33. No. of Bays: Yes

34. Exterior Wall Material(s): Architect or Engineer

35. Plan Shape: Associated Activity

36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:

37. Window Type(s):

38. Building Dimensions:

39. Endangered?: NO

40. Chimney Placement: By What?

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road:

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

The shallow triangular pediment on the casing of many of this house's windows adds a touch of charm to this vernacular upright and wing. The front (east) porch, added between 1911 and 1922, almost extends across the whole facade, falling a few feet short on each side. The portion in front of the one-story wing, on the left, has been enclosed, while the part in front of the front-facing gable remains open. Four plain square posts support the porch's hip roof. The right side of the closed-in portion boasts an historic front door, with a square roofline features an eave overhang above a plain wide frieze. The south-facing gable of the one-story continued...

With one exception, this house has had relatively short term occupations by Oberlin families, with an occasional live-in domestic as well. The exact date that this house was built is unknown, but it may have been built for the first known occupant, Isaac L. Newton, in 1883. Isaac came to the country from Canada and was a laborer, iron maker, and Village Marshall of Oberlin. His wife Abby J. and their three children may have also lived with him. The next resident was John Cole from 1886-1887. John was a dealer in the coal industry, married Sarah (nee Bancroft), and had a son named Charles J. Cole. In 1890 Mrs. H. H. Hinman was listed. Sarah Frances Hinman (nee Strong) attended the Oberlin Preparatory Academy from 1855-1856 and was very active in the Temperance movement as well as WWI continued...

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

This house is located on a residential street without much traffic. A one-car garage without a door is located to the northwest of the house.

45. Sources of Information

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- **Door Selection:** Single centered
- **Door Position:** Unknown
- **Orientation:** Gable with lateral wing
- **Symmetry:** Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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![House Image 1](image1)

![House Image 2](image2)

![House Image 3](image3)
wing is dominated by an exterior brick chimney in the center. To the left are two one-story additions. The first contains two 1/1 double hung windows, topped by an entablature, with a side door in the center. Attached to this section at the left is a shed with a glass-less square window opening and a shed roof. The northern elevation includes two 1/1 double hung windows in the first story and two in the second. To the right is a one-story addition with a shed roof that contains a bank of three awning windows.

efforts as a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Her husband was Rev. Horace Hannibal Hinman but neither he nor their three children were listed at this residence. The next year, 1891, John Lambert Kinney was listed, as well as James L. Van Allen and his wife Harriet. John Kinney worked at the Printer News Office, was proprietor of the 'Owl' weekly publication, printer for the Oberlin Printing Company, editor for the 'Oberlin News Tribune', and publisher of the 'Oberlin Times.' James L. Van Allen was a telephone manager, electrician, and locksmith. From 1894 through 1897, Dr. Daniel Stone Husted was listed at this address. Dr. Husted attended the Oberlin Preparatory School, was a dentist, part of the Christian Union, and also a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security. His wife Elizabeth Julia (nee Hurlburt) also attended the Preparatory school. Their children included Howard, Edith, and Anna. In 1897 a domestic named Miss Frieda Brown also lived with them. From 1899-1900 Emery F. Porter was listed here with his wife Eva (nee Foote). Emery was a farmer and they had three children together named Maude Lenore, Ona Elnore, and Willard. The next residents were William R. Richardson and his wife Effie in 1904, and likely their children Ward, Eva, and William. William, Sr. was a traveling salesman and worker for a refining company. From 1907 through 1916 the Hull family resided here. Henry H. Hull was a laborer, waterworks employee, and he also patented a knife attachment for a revolver during his residency here. He and his wife Lillian had several children: Mable E., Joseph A., Bessie J., Elsie Myrtle, Daisy R., Lillian M., and Henry Clyde. Willard Stoffer, an agent for Standard Oil, lived here in 1920 with his wife Daisy and children Margaret and Gerald. The next known occupant was Charles M. Shreffler who lived here from 1927-1929 with his family. Charles was a jeweler and insurance and real estate employee. He and his wife Carolyn had daughters Carolyn Jean and Mildred. From 1933-1944 Scott Widdowson and his wife Gladys lived here with one child and housekeeper Mrs. Lenora Wellman. Scott was a mechanic. From 1948 through 1989, Lewis Eugene Bliss was listed at this address. Lewis E. graduated from Oberlin High School in 1935, was an accountant and bookkeeper for T.O. Murphy and Co., and served in WWII. His wife Lucy Pauline (nee Crosby) also graduated from Oberlin High School in 1936 and was a nurse. They had one son. From 1990-1998 Kenneth G. Bahl was listed at this address. Jean M. and William A. Ruth are the current owners, apparently since 1998.