This vernacular cross gable house has undergone a number of major alterations. Though originally a front gable, it has been altered by the addition of a narrow two-story portion with a very low-pitched roof at left. The altered front door is located at the left of the west elevation and the front half of the south elevation are covered by a Craftsman porch, presumably a later addition to the house.

The porch has a wooden floor with solid horizontal slab railing. Heavy square wooden columns, supported by stone-faced piers that reach from the ground to just above the height of the railing, support the porch's hipped roof at the corners of the porch and on both sides of the stairs, which enter the porch at the front door. The stairs are wooden with continued...

This house has been home to a variety of Oberlin residents including single families, widowed wives and their children, and a few boarders. The first known occupant at this address was William P. M. Gilbert in 1886, which is the approximate year this house was built. William was a deputy, post office clerk, and Village Clerk who married Jessie Ann (nee Little) who attended the Oberlin Preparatory Academy. Their children were Edward Ellis, Winnifred, William, Frank, and Edna. The next occupants were the Dresser family in 1894. Rufus Cushman Dresser attended the Oberlin Preparatory Academy and married Marion F. Buell. Their son William Howard also attended the Oberlin Academy. Later that year, Mrs. Fannie Town Burrer (nee Hammond) resided here through 1902 with her children. Fannie

Behind the house is an historic outbuilding, probably somewhat younger than the house itself. The outbuilding, which has clapboard siding, two six-pane windows in its west elevation, and a wooden door, was probably a small barn. This house is located on a residential street without much traffic.

Sources of Information
1. No. LOR-02173-21
2. County Lorain
4. Present Name(s) Rental Property
5. Historic or Other Name(s) Gilbert-Kelly-Warnke House

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Single off center
- Door Position: Flush
- Orientation: Gable end axis
- Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

metal handrails, and the area beneath the porch is filled with square lattice woodwork. In the middle of the porch's west elevation, there's a stone pier that reaches only to the bottom of the porch, and is not topped with a wooden column. The south elevation begins at left with two vertically-aligned 1/1 double hung windows (one of which is a replacement window) in the side of the front gable section; the window on the first story is under the porch's overhang. The porch ends where the cross-gable projects slightly. There is a narrow 1/1 double hung window in the second story of the west side of this cross-gable, which has four 1/1 double hung aligned windows on its gabled face. East of the cross-gable are two increasingly-short historic additions, one with a bay composed of a 1/1 double hung window over a 2/2 double hung window, the other with a bay defined by a wooden and glass door that opens onto a small wooden porch. The door has a wood shed-roofed hood supported by unadorned horizontal braces. This element is followed by a one-story addition with a very low-pitched, almost flat, roof and a single horizontal sliding window. The north elevation has a gable face identical to that found on the south elevation. To the right of the side gable is a seven-pane rectangular window in the first story. To the left of the side gable is another addition with a rectangular window, a 1/1 double hung window, and three grouped 2/2 double hung windows all in the first story. The rear element (containing the three grouped windows) has a concrete block foundation and is probably a modern addition. The house appears to have been halted in the stages of being repainted for several four years.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

studied literature at Oberlin College and was the widow of Austin Hannahs Burr (d. 1891). Their children were Mabel, Charles, Wesley, Dwight, Geraldine, and Merrill. In 1904 Mrs. Leona Crone (nee Smith) was listed at this address with her children. Leona was the widow of Edwin Bruce Crone. Their daughter Mabel E. attended the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin, Oberlin High School, and graduated from the College in 1908. She later became a mathematics teacher and principal. Their son Homer B. attended the college from 1904-1908. The next residents were the Kellys, from 1916 through 1961. Harry G. Kelly was a post office carrier in Oberlin, Chancellor Commander of the Oberlin Knights of Pythias, and soldier in WWII. His wife Lula M. helped plant victory gardens in Oberlin during the war and they had one son together. During 1929, barber C. F. Polling and his wife Edith, a clerk, were also listed at this address. In 1948, John Lance and his wife Bernita resided here as well. John Lance was a carpet contractor and they had one child listed as living with them. From 1970-2004 Jerome D. Warnke was listed at this address. Jerome was the assistant Vice President and manager of the Lorain National Bank. His wife Mary J. was employed by Oberlin College. They had three children listed as living with them. Since 2004, the owners have been Robert and Suzanne R. Barsay, who do not appear to be residents.

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

45. Sources (Con't)