This vernacular, gabled ell-plan house was altered many years ago and has since gained elements of Craftsman style. The front/west facade of this house contains a corner porch to the far right. The door is set back within the porch. The original porch features have been covered by the current siding, which appears to be asbestos shingles. A shingled half-wall runs along the south side of the porch. Metal railings and concrete steps lead up to the wood floor of the porch. Above the porch, a 1/1 window is double hung. At the gabled section of the facade, the first and second stories both contain two 1/1 double hung windows. To the left of the gabled section, in the ell, an enclosed, two story porch displays Craftsman elements such as rafter tails. This porch presumably post-dates the original structure of the house. The first story of this porch has a 1/1 double hung window flanked by narrow three-light windows. The second story projects over the enclosed, two story porch and has the appearance of a sleeping porch. The second story flares out slightly above the first story. The second story resembles a sleeping porch and has screened windows and continued...
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5. Historic or Other Name(s) Birdseye-Foote House

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

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- N. Pleasant
- Walnut

54. Farmstead Plan:

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

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simple Tuscan columns at the corners, which sit atop a shingled half-wall. This porch has a flat roof. The north elevation shares the two-story porch addition at the far right. The porch has four 1/1 double hung windows at the first story of this elevation, while the second story has four large, screen windows. In the gabled portion, at the center of the elevation, a 1/1 window is at the first story. The second story includes a wood door, which no longer has a landing attached to it and opens to nothing. The door has twelve lights in the upper portion. A 1/1 double hung window is right of the door. To the left of the gabled section, an obscured window is at the first story. A small, 1/1 double hung window is at the second story. To the far left, in an addition, the first story is obscured, but the second story has a small window. The south elevation has a 1/1 double hung window within the porch, at the far left. The gabled section at the center has a projecting bay at the first story, with a 1/1 double hung window facing west and south (the south window is larger). The second story has a 1/1 double hung window. A square window is in the attic. To the right of the gabled section, a bay window extends between the first and second stories; each side has a 1/1 double hung window. The remainder of the elevation is obscured by foliage. Originally, this house was intended to be identical to its neighbor, 237 N. Pleasant Street (according to the owner of 237 N. Pleasant, Marilyn Harley). However, over the course of the years, both houses have been altered so that the identical nature of the houses may not be immediately evident. Upon close inspection, their similarities are recognizable.

Hayden (b. 1880, NY; d. 1947, PA) and Elizabeth 'Bessie' Marsh (b. 1883, NY; d. 1953, Oberlin). The children attended both Oberlin High School and Oberlin College. In 1918 Sidney served as a second lieutenant in the Engineers Corps on the western front during WWI. Claude served as a major and lieutenant colonel during the war and was eventually made the chief topographic engineer of the U.S.G.S. and went on to survey Marble Canyon, the Grand Canyon, and the Colorado River. Claude's work earned him quite a bit of distinction and after he shared his findings with the town, the college awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree. For several years (1897 through 1929), Henrietta Birdseye (b. 1849, NY) is also listed at this address. Henrietta was George's sister. Additionally, between 1908 and 1910, William Burton Wilkinson (b. 1892) was a resident of this house. William was George and Katherine's nephew (his mother's maiden name was Lamb). As the Birdseye family grew older, the children left the house, with the exception of Bessie, who remained here through her mother's death. In 1943 a new family resided in this house: the Foote family. William James Foote (b. 1912, PA; d. 1989, Oberlin) was married to Helen Josephine (b. 1911, PA; d. 2001, OH). Their children were Patricia Florence, Louise E., and William M.. William, Sr. worked at the Bendix-Westinghouse factory. The Foote family remained here through Helen's death. By 2002 Laurence J. Thompson, the current owner, acquired the house.

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

43. History and Significance (Con't)

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

45. Sources (Con't)