**Ohio Historic Preservation Office**

**Ohio Historic Inventory**

**LOR-02096-21**

1. **No.** LOR-02096-21
2. **County** Lorain
3. **5. Historic or Other Name(s)** Tuck-Sakellar-Michell-Kmetz House
4. **Present Name(s)** rental property

**6. Specific Address or Location**

**66 North Pleasant**

**6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number** 0900806101029

**7. City or Village** Oberlin

**8. U.T.M. Reference**

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**9. On National Register?** NO

**10. Classification:** Building

**12. Primary Use**

**13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?** NO

**14. Other Designation (NR or Local)**

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**16. Thematic Associations:**

- **Food Service**
  - **Architect/Engineer/Builder Related Auto**
  - **17. Date(s) or Period** ca. 1927
  - **17a. Alteration Date(s)**
  - **18. Style Class and Design**
    - No academic style - Vernacular Colonial Revival

- **Element**

  - **18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)**

- **Element** Craftsman/Arts and Crafts

- **19. Architect or Engineer**

**20. Contractor or Builder**

**21. Building Type or Plan**

**22. Original Use, if apparent** Single Dwelling

**23. Present Use** RESIDENTIAL/DOMESTIC

**24. Ownership** Private

**25. Owner's Name & Address, if known**

- Oberlin College
  - **173 W. Lorain St.**
  - Oberlin, OH, 44074

**26. Property Acreage** unknown

**27. Other Surveys**

**28. No. of Stories**

**29. Basement?** Yes

**30. Foundation Material** Stone bearing

**31. Wall Construction** Balloon/ western/platform frame

**32. Roof Type**

**33. No. of Bays**

**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)**

**35. Plan Shape** Rectangular

**36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:**

**17. Date of significant event**

**17b. Alteration Date(s)**

**37. Window Type(s)**

**38. Building Dimensions**

**39. Endangered?** YES

**40. Chimney Placement** Off center within ridgeline

**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road** 25' or more

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

This gable front side hallway house is vernacular in style and retains many historic features. The exterior of the house is covered in square, wood shingles. The imbrication of the shingles is staggered. At the east facade is a full front porch which appears to be Craftsman in nature, with dominant, rock-faced stone piers that have battered columns. A wood clapboard half-wall encloses the porch. Square lattice runs below the wood floor of the porch. Concrete steps lead up to the porch at the left side and have metal railings. At the center of the first story. Three 6/6 double hung windows are located at the second story. In the north elevation, at the first story, a 6/6 double hung window at the left. Right of center, two smaller, 6/1 windows are double hung. The second story has a 6/6 double hung window at the left and right. The south elevation contains a door at the far left corner. continued...

**43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)**

City directories and Sanborn Fire Insurance maps do not indicate this house at 66 N. Pleasant Street prior to 1927. However, the older style of this shingled vernacular house and building materials indicate that the house may have been moved to its current location or altered from a previous structure. The 1922 Sanborn map shows a one and one-half story house near the same location (at 64 North Pleasant), which appears to have been a gabled ell plan. On the next available Sanborn map, in 1933, the plan shows what appears to be the current house: a square, two-story structure with a porch, while 64 North Pleasant is gone. The dimensions of 66 closely match what had been the gable-front portion of 64. Occupation of 64 North Pleasant extends at least back to 1873, primarily by the Philo. continued...

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

This house contains no outbuildings and is located on a residential street near downtown Oberlin, on a block that is threatened by demolition.

**45. Sources of Information**


**46. Prepared By:** Liz Schultz

**47. Organization:** Oberlin Heritage Center

**48. Date Recorded:** 11/20/2009

**49. PIR Reviewer:**

**50. PIR Review Date:**
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7. 8. Report Associated With Project:
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9. NADB #:
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

at ground level. High in the first story, a pair of 6/1 double hung windows is situated left of center. Right of center, a rectangular window has many muntins that create 10 lights. The second story includes a square window near the center and a 6/1 double hung window to the far left.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Weed family. The 1927 city directory which first identifies 66 North Pleasant as an address lists A. R. Tuck as the resident of the house. Archibald Rayfield Tuck (or 'Arthur'; b. 1892; d. 1986) was African American and attended the Oberlin Academy in 1914 and married his first wife, Geneva A. Ross (b. 1885) in Wheeling in 1918. In 1922, they had a daughter, Danginaria, an Oberlin High School graduate. The three of them lived in this house through 1936, although the 1936 city directory also lists Geneva on E. Vine Street with a child. In 1937, after moving from this house, Archibald remarried to Ethel Marshall and they had a son, Archibald Ray the following year. In 1937, Augustus 'Gust' Sakellar moved into the house with his family. Gust was born in Macedonia, Greece (b. 1888; d. 1949), as was Anna (b. 1894; d. 1949). They had six children: Clara, Mary (b. 1916), Ellen (b. 1917), Nicholas Augustus (b. 1918; d. 1993), Viola (b. 1919; d. 1930), and John G. (b. 1921; d. 1948). Many of the children attended Oberlin High School after the family moved to Oberlin from Wooster, Ohio, when Gust took the job as proprietor of Campus Restaurant. The older children also worked in town while living here. Clara worked as a waitress, Ellen as a stenographer and office assistant, and Mary as a bookkeeper. John attended the Oberlin School of Commerce and worked as the assistant manager of Campus Restaurant before moving to California, where he met his wife, Nancy. He soon returned to Oberlin, and died of kidney failure shortly thereafter in 1948. Nicholas graduated from Oberlin High School in 1936 and then the University of Michigan School of Architecture in 1941. He was a pilot during WWII and flew in Burma. He returned to this house and lived here in 1948 and then moved to Tucson, Arizona where he opened his own architecture firm in 1956. He was well known for his modernist architecture and was one of three architects who brought modern architecture to the Tucson area. He designed the Wilmot Branch Library in Tucson in 1965 and received the Arizona Society of American Architects Award in 1982. Nicholas designed the house his parents moved to at 383 Elm Street, one of the first modern style houses in town (built 1947). In 1949, both of his parents, Gust and Anna were killed in a train crash in Tiffin, Ohio. By 1956, the occupants of 66 North Pleasant were the Michell family. William Norley Michell married his wife, Mary B. in 1955. William worked as the service manager of Schubert Buick. Mary worked as the secretary at Ohio Schettler. The Michells lived here through 1973. Local phone books list James A. and Shirley Kmetz living here from 1979 through 2003. Oberlin College has been the owner since 2003 and the house is a rental property.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

Lodge Meeting,' Oberlin News, 8/28/1903, Pg. 8 Col. 3; 'A.R. Tuck Married Geneva Ross in Wheeling, Oberlin News, 2/6/1918, Pg. 1 Col. 2.