**This vernacular house has somewhat of a gabled ell plan. At facade (east), the front-facing gable is at the right with two 2/2 double hung windows in the second story. The attic also has a vent and a pediment. Left of the gable, in the roof, a gabled dormer has a square window. The full front porch has been enclosed with screens. The screens sit on a vinyl-sided half-wall. The first story of the north elevation, the left side has 2/2 double hung windows, and a vent in the gable. The attic also has a vent and a pediment. The full front porch has been enclosed with screens. The screens sit on a vinyl-sided half-wall.**

1. No. LOR-02077-21
2. County Lorain
3. Historic or Other Name(s) Preston-Luikart House
4. Present Name(s) rental property
5. Present or Historic Name(s)
6. Specific Address or Location 70 North Pleasant
7. City or Village Oberlin
8. U.T.M. Reference
9. Present Use RESIDENTIAL/DOMESTIC
10. Classification: Building
11. On National Register? NO
12. Alteration Date(s) 1894
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO
14. Architect or Engineer
15. Other Designation (NR or Local) Oberlin College
16. Thematic Associations:
   - World War II MANUFACTURING/INDUSTRIAL
   - No academic style - Vernacular
   - Shingle
17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s)
18. Style Class and Design
19. Architect or Engineer
20. Design Sources
21. Building Type or Plan Gabled Ell
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 Two story
29. Basement? Yes
30. Foundation Material Stone bearing
31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame
32. Roof Type Gable
33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 4
34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Aluminum or vinyl siding
35. Plan Shape Rectangular
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17b. Substantial alteration/addition
37. Window Type(s) 2 over 2
38. Building Dimensions 26' x 45'
39. Endangered? YES
40. Chimney Placement Gable end, exterior
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 20'
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)
46. Prepared By: Liz Schultz
47. Organization: Oberlin Heritage Center
48. Date Recorded: 11/20/2009
49. PIR Reviewer:
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

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

Report Associated With Project:
NADB #:
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

- roof and a pair of 2/2 double hung windows. In the second story, the original portion of the house has two 2/2 double hung windows. To the right, there are three additions to the house; two extend to the rear and one extends to the north. This north addition is very short and has a 2/2 double hung window (its muntins run horizontally, rather than vertically, as in all other 2/2 windows in this house). Above the small north addition, the house has a horizontal sliding window.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

d. 1922, Oberlin and they had two children. Their son, Emory/Emery A. (b. 1872, d. 1948), worked as a carpenter, painter, and decorator. Their other son, Fred Seth (b. 1876, d. 1963), worked at the Oberlin Steam Laundry, as a stationary engineer, and as a carpenter. The next known occupants, the Phelps, lived here from 1899 through 1902. Mrs. Emma Phelps (b. 1845, Ohio) lived here with her two children: Frances 'Fanny' Adella (b. 1876) and Bert H (b. 1882). Fanny was a teacher and had attended the Oberlin College Conservatory (1896-1901); she moved to Park City, Utah in 1908 after marrying her husband, J. Maurice Martin in 1905. Bert worked at Morris' meat market. The 1904 city directory lists the Wait(e) family at this house. Hubert (b. 1849, Ohio) was a milkman, grocery clerk and merchant. He worked at Wait Brothers grocers, located at 11 S. Main, while living at this house. His wife Elizabeth 'Bessie' (nee Blackney; b. 1852, CT) was a member of the Nancy Squire Chapter of the Oberlin D.A.R. and had attended the Oberlin Academy (1864-1865). They had two children, Horace and Florence, who both attended Oberlin High School. Horace Gaylord (b. 1881, Hinckley, Ohio) attended the Oberlin Academy (1899-1900) and Oberlin College (1901-1902). Florence Thalia (b. 1884, Hinckley; d. 1980) lived in this house. She attended the Oberlin Academy and once claimed her family moved to Oberlin, 'for the purpose of providing better educational opportunities for us.' From 1908 through 1910, Mrs. Mary J. Anderson (widow of George Anderson; b. 1856, Ohio) lived here with her cousin, Adelaide I. Wilcox (widow of Lucien Harland Wilcox, a naval captain). Adelaide (b. 1853, NY) had previously worked as a seamstress and a matron for Stewart Hall. She also had two children, Ruth and Lucien Harland (b. 1887). Lucien lived in this house in 1908 and was a salesman. By 1916, the Hatch family lived here. Fred Milton Hatch (b. 1877, IL; d. 1932, Oberlin) attended the Oberlin College Academy (1896-1905) and was seen as a prominent athlete; he played football for Oberlin College. He was a railway mail clerk while living in this house, but had worked as a teacher. In 1905 he married Ellen Hayden (nee Birdseye, b. 1880, NY; d. 1947, Oberlin). Ellen attended Oberlin High School and Oberlin College (1897-1903), where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees. She became a teacher of physical education at the college, a position she held while living in this house. She was later the Director of Recreation at the college, and the Director of Recreation of the Theological Quadrangle at the College. She was seen as a pioneer in the field of recreation because Oberlin was one of the first colleges to have an all-college recreation program. In 1930–31 she was the dean of college women. Fred and Ellen Hatch had a son, George Birdseye 'Chicken.' George attended Oberlin High School and Oberlin College. He went on to become a chemist. By 1920, a new resident, Mrs. Sadie MacClellan, lived here. Sadie was a seamstress. By 1927, the Preston family had moved into the house and remained here through 1945. Ray Lambert Preston (b. 1886, Pittsfield, Ohio; d. 1945, Oberlin) had been a teamster and drayman and worked at the Carver-Kennedy Lumber Company before moving into this house. While living here, he worked in trucking and owned Preston and Dawley Trucking Company, which were known around town for their red paint and large size. His partner was Wilton Dawley. During World War II, Ray was appointed to serve on the gasoline rationing board for the Oberlin vicinity. He was also a member of the Oberlin Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years and a member of both the Oberlin Blue Lodge No. 219 and the Oberlin Masonic F and A.M. No. 389. Ray married Fay L. (nee Daugherty; b. 1888, Ohio, d. 1972, IL). She was trained by the American Red Cross during World War II and later went on to become a nurse. The couple had a son, Dayton Lambert (b. 1911, d. 1975, IL), who attended Oberlin High School. Following the Preistons, the Luikarts occupied the house from 1948 through 1973. Louis Henry Luikart (b. 1913, Russia Twp; d. 2003, Elyria) attended Oberlin High School and Oberlin College Business School. He served as a corporal during World War II in the US Army Air Force and flew over Italy and North Africa where he earned two Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Ribbon. He married Dorothy (nee Becker) in 1942 and returned home in 1945 and shortly thereafter they occupied this house. While living in Oberlin, Louis worked as a mechanic at Dietz in Elyria and as an electrician in Elyria at Bendix-Westinghouse. Louis and Dorothy had a son, Larry, and two twin daughters who passed away when they were young. Thomas L. McKenna, Jr. lived here from at least 1979 to 1985. From 1987 through 2006, the county auditor cites Lisa Waltz as the owner, but she apparently did not live here (she is listed elsewhere in phone books). Rachael Sarto lived here from about 2003 to 2005. Since 2006, Oberlin College has owned this rental property.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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