This house features an entry right of center on the main facade, which is recessed below a small porch with a flat roof. Cement steps with a metal rail lead up to the wood floor of the porch. The porch roof is supported by one square post. Left of the main entry, a projecting area appears to have once been a porch that is currently enclosed. The projecting area has a large, central window flanked by smaller windows and is topped by a metal continued...

This house first shows up in the city directories in 1894 (probably built soon before that), and the first residents are Gilbert O. Wade (known as Bert), his wife Laura, and his half sister Katherine, a widow (Holsworth). Bert Wade, born in 1862, was a blacksmith who worked at and later bought, in 1889, the Penfield Blacksmith and Carriage Shop. Bert and Laura had four children, Francis M., Benjamin O., Helen C., and Mabel. Bert ran his business until his death from pneumonia in 1916. His death continued...

This house is in stable condition and is located on a residential street in Oberlin.
Wade House/ Tressie’s Nursing Home

51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Historic Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Single off center
Door Position: Recessed
Orientation: Gable with two story same height
Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con’t)
awning. Right of the door is a small, rectangular window. To the far right of this elevation, a one-story brick addition (c. 1980s-1990s) connects this house to a neighboring house, forming a large rental property. The center of the second story is dominated by a steep cross gable with a door that leads to the flat roof of the porch. The gable is flanked by shed dormers with three-over-three double hung windows, which appear to be original to the house. The north elevation features two one-story additions, which are visible at the rear of the house. A steeply pitched gabled section at the center of the elevation has one-over-one double hung windows at the first and second stories. The south elevation is not observable, as it is dominated by the addition that connects it to the neighboring house.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)
was felt by the community where he was remembered as “one of the most highly respected citizens of the village” (Oberlin News). After his death, Bert’s son Benjamin took over the hardware, harness, and blacksmith shop, and continued to live in the house with his mother (Laura, d. 1942), wife Milfred (m. 1917), and sisters Helen, a teacher, and Mabel, a stenographer and later bookkeeper for Wade’s Hardware (77 S. Main). Benjamin and Milfred stayed in the house until some time after 1956. Starting in 1961, this house is listed as Tressie’s Nursing Home, with Tressie Schmauch as the owner. Little is known about the nursing home other than it experienced a change of ownership in 1982 (City Directories). Don and Theo Wessell bought the house in 1991.

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

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