### OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

**Location of Negatives**
  - Roll: Front 3, Exp. 20, N. Side 3, Facing 21

**Present Name(s)**
- Dick House, Clark House

**Specific Address or Location**
- 189 South Professor Street

**City or Village**
- Oberlin

**Site Plan with North Arrow**
- [Diagram of Morgan St. and South St. showing the Dick House location]

**U.T.M. Reference**
- Zone: Easting: Northing:

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<th>Field</th>
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<tr>
<td>30. Foundation Material</td>
<td>Sandstone</td>
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<td>31. Wall Construction</td>
<td>Brick Bearing</td>
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<td>32. Roof</td>
<td>Truncated Hip</td>
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<td>33. No. Bays</td>
<td>Front 3, Side 2</td>
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<td>34. Exterior Wall Material(s)</td>
<td>1st fl: Brick, Stretcher or Running Bond, 2nd fl: Wood, Clapboard or Weatherboard</td>
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<td>35. Plan Shape</td>
<td>Square</td>
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<td>36. Changes (Explain in #42)</td>
<td>Unaltered</td>
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<td>37. Window Type(s)</td>
<td>1 over 1</td>
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<td>38. Bldg. Dims</td>
<td>40 x 45</td>
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<td>39. Endangered?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>40. Chimney Placement</td>
<td>Off Center Within Roof Surface, and</td>
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<td>41a. Distance from road</td>
<td>approx. 40'</td>
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<td>41b. Frontage on road</td>
<td>99 ft.</td>
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**Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features**

This American Foursquare house is well-adorned with Neo-Classical elements. A large porch supported by square brick columns covers the first floor of the façade, and a large circular portion of the porch wraps around from the west to the north side. The porch roof has a pediment with carved festoons on its face. The front door is slightly off-center in the façade. All first-floor doors and windows have large rock-faced lintels and lug sills, and the north side of the house has an octagonal bay window on the first floor. There is a small rectangular projection from the back of the house. The roof has a dormer on each side: the front and two sides have hipped dormers; the back dormer has a shed roof.

**History and Significance**

The Matthew and Irene Dick family had lived next door at 195 S. Professor, but between 1908 and 1910, they moved into the house that currently stands at 189 S. Professor, around the time it was first built (City Directories). Matthew G. Dick was a grocer, but also served as a city councilman, and as mayor of Oberlin in 1903-1904, replacing Alfred Fauer, who had died in office (Phillips). It appears that by 1916 he had left the house to two of his children: Miss Mary Irene Dick, a Teacher of Physical Training at Oberlin College, and Eugene G. Dick, a Post Office clerk who went on to become Oberlin’s (cont.)

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)**

The house sits on a hill above street level. It has a driveway that opens to Morgan Street, and a small garage on the east side of the house.

**Sources of Information**

51. Condition of Property

- [ ] Excellent
- [x] Good/Fair
- [ ] Deteriorated

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

**Barn Type(s)**

- [ ] Corn Crib or Shed
- [ ] Summer Kitchen
- [ ] Silo
- [ ] Smoke House
- [ ] Spring House
- [ ] Ice House
- [ ] Designed Landscape Features
- [ ] Privy
- [ ] Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

OAI Completed? 

Archaeological Feature: Observed Expected on Basis of Archival Research

- Well
- Privy
- Cistern
- Foundation
- Structural Rubble
- Formal Trash Dump
- Other

54. Farmstead Plan

- [ ] Corn Crib or Shed
- [ ] Summer Kitchen
- [ ] Silo
- [ ] Smoke House
- [ ] Spring House
- [ ] Ice House
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

43. History and Significance (Continued from page 1.)

Postmaster in 1923 (Blodgett, Directories, Phillips). By 1956, the house was occupied by R. L. A. Clark, and in 1961, by Mrs. Hettie L. Clark (City Directories). The house sits on the former site of carpenter John Copeland, Jr.’s house (Brandt). Copeland took part in the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue of 1858 and then accompanied John Brown to Harpers Ferry (and, subsequently, the gallows) in 1859.