### OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

**Ohio Historic Preservation Office**
567 E. Hudson St.  Columbus, Ohio 43211
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#### The Ivy Tree Inn and Garden

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| 6. Specific Address or Location | 195 South Professor Street |
| 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number | 0900-095-104-002 |

**City or Village**
Oberlin

**Site Plan with North Arrow**

**U.T.M. Reference**

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**On National Register**
No

**Part of Estb Hist Dist?**
No

**Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)**

**Thematic Association(s)**
Political/Social Movements - Abolition; Commerce - Queen Anne

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**
This bright house retains most of the delicate Queen Anne decoration that was added in 1889. The hip roof has one large gable projecting from the façade and one projecting from each side. Each gable end has an undulating pattern of shingles along its peak, and the chimney has quite ornate brickwork. The stylistic front porch covers the first floor of the front-facing gable, and has narrow turned-wood columns and a cornice decorated with wood cutouts and pairs of dentils. The front door is trabeated with sidelights and a transom. All of the windows have functional shutters, and a few have a border of small, decorative panes and a carved-wood festoon below the sill. A large gabled, rectangular wall dormer projects out from the second floor (cont.)

**History and Significance**
This house was built before 1870 and housed P. H. Finley, the captain of a boat that shipped iron ore on the Great Lakes, who retired from shipping in 1883 to become a meat dealer (Blodgett). By 1889, grocer Matthew G. Dick had remodeled the house extensively and moved in, along with his wife, Irene J., and their children (Blodgett and City Directories). In addition to being a grocer, Matthew Dick stepped in to serve as mayor of Oberlin when Alfred Fauver died before completing his term in 1904 (Phillips). The Dick family lived here until moving next door to the north around 1908, and Professor William J. Hutchins and (cont.)

**Sources of Information**
51. Condition of Property

- Excellent
- Good/Fair
- Deteriorated

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

- Barn Type(s)
  - Corn Crib or Shed
  - Smoke House
  - Designed Landscape Features
  - Summer Kitchen
  - Spring House
  - Silo
  - Privy
  - Ice House
  - Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

54. Farmstead Plan

55. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

- of the façade, held up by three intricately-carved brackets. The long cross-gable on the south side of the house has a side door under a small stylistic porch on its front side, and a back door under another small porch on the other side.

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

- his son Robert took their place at 195 S. Professor by 1910 (Directories). Hutchins taught homiletics in Oberlin’s Graduate School of Theology before leaving Oberlin to become president of Berea College in Kentucky, and his son Robert went on to serve as president of the University of Chicago (Blodgett). By 1927, Conservatory professors Victor and Josephine Lytle lived in the house, and stayed until 1942 (Directories). In 1943, G. Art Salo, proprietor of the Salo Tree Service, and his wife Mildred moved into the house (Blodgett and Directories).

- This is the former site of the home of bookstore owner and Sunday School superintendent James M. Fitch, who, because of his abolitionist activity, was imprisoned in 1859 for the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue (Brandt).