### 6. Specific Address or Location
- **328 South Professor**

### 7. City or Village
- **Oberlin**

### 9. U.T.M. Reference
- **Quadrangle Name:** Oberlin
- **17 Easting:** 397683
- **17 Northing:** 4570745

### 10. Classification
- **Building**
- **11. On National Register?** NO

### 13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?
- NO

### 15. Other Designation (NR or Local)
- **Anthony Mealy House**

### 16. Thematic Associations
- **Civil War**
- **MANUFACTURING/INDUSTRIAL SPECIFIC FOREIGN IMMIGRATION**
- **Gothic Revival**

### 17. Date(s) or Period
- **ca. 1873**

### 18. Style Class and Design
- **Gothic Revival**

### 19. Architect or Engineer
- **Anthony Mealy**

### 20. Contractor or Builder
- **Anthony Mealy**

### 21. Building Type or Plan
- **Single Dwelling**

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

### 23. Present Use
- **Single Dwelling**

### 24. Ownership
- **Private**

### 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known
- **Anthony Mealy**
- **328 S. Professor St.**
- **Oberlin, OH, 44074**

### 26. Property Acreage
- **Unknown**

### 27. Other Surveys
- **Unknown**

### 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**
- **Asphalt shingle**

### 33. No. of Bays
- **3 Side Bays**

### 34. Exterior Wall Material(s)
- **Asbestos/asphalt siding**
- **Aluminum or vinyl siding**

### 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
- **30’**

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

This fairly simple, Folk Victorian house with Gothic Revival and Folk Victorian elements has been altered. The most obvious change is the false stone exterior, which appears to be made of asphalt. The east facade includes a full front porch, which gives the house its Folk Victorian appearance. The porch posts are turned spindles and decorative brackets are situated at the tops of each post. The porch has a hipped, asphalt roof, and stone steps lead to the wood-floored porch. The door is situated at the far right; it is a non-historic replacement. Casement windows are at the left of the elevation and slightly off-center. The second story has a notable, large arching window, which is divided into two smaller symmetrical arched windows (the smaller arches meet within the large arch). Although the arch portion of the windows appears to be original, the lower portions are replaced casement windows. The south elevation is completely lacking ornament or detail, with the exception of a modern door at the far left, which is located in a small rear addition, which has a shed roof. The south elevation is covered in aluminum siding, rather than the false stone exterior continued...

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

According to a previous inventory form, this house was built around 1857-1874 by a Mr. Metcalf who was involved in the early years of Oberlin College. This might be Eli Metcalf, who was the earliest Metcalf recorded in the Oberlin City Directory (he appears in the 1859-1860 directory, but not at this address). The first recorded inhabitant of this house was James Follett who had moved in by 1873. By 1883, Joseph Wood Worcester (1812-1896), a 70-year-old farmer lived here, possibly with his 42-year-old second wife Jennie S. Burdick. Near the end of his life, Joseph had been paralyzed by a stroke. He had four older children from a previous marriage: Malvina S. Worcester (1835-1916), Eliza M. Worcester (1840-1907), Franklin Worcester (1846-1920), and Christina Minerva Worcester continued...

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

This house does not feature outbuildings. It is located on a quiet, residential street. A carriage stone is at the street in front of the house.

### 45. Sources of Information

Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center, City Directories, Oberlin Phone Book and Past Perfect collections program; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com/auditorindex.shtml, accessed 2009; Lorain County Veterans Census; 'Death of Joseph W. Worcester,' Oberlin News, 1/17/1896, Pg. 1 Col. 4; 'Mrs. Baldwin is Dead in Fullness of Years,' Oberlin News, 5/1/1918, Pg. 8 Col. 2; Peck, H. E., 'Sketches of Which Soldiers and Their Kinsfolk are the continued...
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4. Present Name(s) Anthony Mealy House

5. Historic or Other Name(s) Baldwin-Blanco-Mealy House

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Altered
- Door Position: Flush
- Orientation: Gable dominant with lateral smaller extension
- Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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

Material. The north elevation has several windows, nearly all of which are tall, narrow casement windows. At this elevation, several first-story additions are visible. At the left the smallest addition has a roof that is even with the porch roof, and it contains one window. To the right, a slightly taller addition juts out at the same distance as the far left addition. This second addition has three windows. At the rear of the house, a larger, one-story addition sticks out farther yet. Some historic windows are contained in this final addition. At the far left of this addition, there is a 2/2 double hung window. Another possible window towards the center has been covered with a piece of metal. A small wood hopper window, which is square, is above this metal-covered window. A double hung window is at the far right of the addition. Within this addition, but facing east, a door has been covered with plywood. The door has a gabled roof above, with a window that appears to have also been covered by wood.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

(1850-1909). Daughter Julia Worcester had died at age three in 1841 and William Wallace at age 21 in 1864 due to injury in the Civil War. An obituary written by Professor H. E. Peck chronicles William Wallace's decision to fight, against the wishes of his family and friends, as well as his final moments with his father, who traveled to be with him. The Worcesters had a military legacy stretching back to the Revolutionary and French and Indian Wars, but it could not prepare Joseph for the blow of losing his son, 'from the shock of which he never seemed to fully recover,' according to his 1896 obituary. In 1886 carpenter Jay Penfield was listed as living on 'South Professor' Street and in 1890 he was listed at this address in particular. Jay Penfield served in the Civil War between 1863 and 1865. Civil War veteran John Stanfield, his wife Sara J., and some of their children are listed here in 1891. The children include Charles Edwin (b. 1872), Cora E. (b. 1873), Allie (b. 1876), Arthur (b. c. 1876), Bertha and Mina D. (1880-1969). Their three youngest children at the time did not make it into the directory: Clayton A. (b. 1885), Horace A. (1888-1968), and Eleanor Kathryn (1890-1973). The Stanfields are last listed in the 1894 directory. After the 1894 address conversion from 60 S. Professor to 328 S. Professor, Minor (Miner) B. Gray (b. 1868) appears with his new wife Ella M. Daughter Ola had been born in 1892 and in 1895 they had a new daughter Hazel. Minor Gray worked as a day laborer and a teamster. The Grays are last listed here in 1896. By 1897 residents include Joseph M. Flickinger, his wife Clemona J. (b. 1859), and their children Arthur R. (b. 1880), Phineus W. (b. 1882), and Joseph Elmier (b. 1883). Son Leland A., born 1890, is not listed. Joseph M. is listed as farming and working as a carpenter, specifically on the railroad. By 1902, farmer James S. Baldwin (1839-1925) had moved in with his wife Delphine L. Gray (1839-1918), and daughter Ella (b. 1866). Delphine was an active church member and was remembered as such when she died at age 78. Her obituary says that 'the strong New England character which embodies all the Christian virtues was exemplified in her' and that she 'represented a type which is fast disappearing.' Census data places James there as late as 1920, two years after Delphine's death but new residents also appear that same year - the McCords. Dr. James Bennett McCord (1870-1950) most likely met his wife Marguerite Caroline Lucy Mellen (b. 1870) during the time that their studies at Oberlin College overlapped. Marguerite was born in Umsunduzi, South Africa to missionary parents. After their marriage in 1895 and the birth of their daughter Mary H. McCord in 1900, the family formed a new generation of missionaries in Natal, South Africa, with James also working as a physician. They had four more children there: Robert W. (b. 1901), Laura R. (b. 1906), William M. (b. 1908), and Margret C. (b. 1917). However, the January 1920 census finds the McCords at 328 S. Professor, taking a year's leave in Oberlin. Two months later the family suffered the death of their four-year-old daughter, a junior at Oberlin High School, who died following an operation to relieve her of appendicitis. The directory lists Robert and Mary as students. By 1933, the Blanco family had moved in. James Daico Blanco had immigrated from Italy in 1912. Census data indicates that his wife Theresa, one year old daughter Blanche Althea Blanco, and two-year-old daughter Rose Blanco immigrated a year later. The family lived in Wellington before moving to 328 S. Professor. Residents included James (1883-1942), wife Theresa (1887-1974), and some of their children, which included: Rose (b. 1911), Blanche (1912-1979), Charles J. (1914-1969), Josephine (b. 1917), Joseph (1919-2004), Thomas (b. 1924), Theresa M. (b. 1926), and Caroline (b. 1928). Before running Blanco's Shoe Repair in Oberlin, James had served as assistant supervisor of road construction on the Ramsay and New York Central Railroads. He died of a heart attack at age 58 in 1942, leaving behind his wife and eight children. Blanche was a domestic. Charles worked at the Blanco Shoe Repair Shop for most of his life, until 1961 when he is listed as a helper at Hasenpflugs farm. Josephine also worked as a domestic helper and then a telephone operator. Joseph helped in the shop, was in the army during WWI, and later worked for the T. O. Murphy company (plumbing and heating) and in construction. Thomas was a sergeant during WWII. In December of 1944 he was declared missing in action in China after having to bail out of a plane using a parachute. He showed up to his base fifteen days later and married the parachute home to Oberlin. Josephine, Theresa, and Caroline all worked for the Northern Ohio telephone company for a time. The Blanco family continued to live here until at least 1973. They probably left after Theresa died in 1974. The next known resident was Anthony 'Tony' Mealy in 1980. Mealy was a corrections counselor and supervisor with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections in Grafton, an immigration inspector and an air traffic controller. He was an Oberlin City Councilman and served on several boards and commissions. Mealy continues to be the current owner.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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