**Ohio Historic Inventory**

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**6. Specific Address or Location**

89 S. Professor Street

- **7. City or Village** If Rural, Township & Vicinity
  - Oberlin

**9. U.T.M. Reference**

- **Quadrangle Name:** Oberlin
- **17** 397853 4571585
- **Zone: Easting 397853 Northing 4571585**

**16. Thematic Associations:**

- Missionary Alliance, Public Social Service, College

**17. Date(s) or Period**

c. 1857

**18. Style or Design**

- Greek Revival, High Style Elements

**19. Architect or Engineer**

- Edward Chapman, a carpenter, served as clerk & treasurer of the Oberlin Cemetery Association.

**20. Contractor or Builder**

**21. Building Type or Plan**

- Upright and Wing

**22. Original Use, if apparent**

- Single Dwelling, Industrial Housing, Institutional Housing

**23. Present Use**

- Single Dwelling, Single Family, Institutional Housing

**24. Ownership**

- Private

**25. Owner's Name & Address, if known**

**26. Property Acreage**

- .45

**27. Other Surveys**

**36. Changes (Explain in #42)**

- Addition Altered Yes Moved

**37. Window Type(s)**

- 6 over 6, 1 over 1

**38. Building Dimensions**

- 40' x 62'

**40. Chimney Placement**

- Multiple random

**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road**

- Dist: 30' & Frontage: 74'

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

This two-story house contains elements of Greek Revival architecture. The house appears to be an upright & wing, however it seems to have originally have been a side hallway house, typical of Greek Revival houses. The roofs are gabled and have cornice returns at the ends. The porch is very prominent on the front elevation as it runs the full-width of the house. Four wooden columns of the Tuscan order support the porch, while balustrades run along the sides.

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

The 1994 Ohio Historic Inventory form indicates that this house was built before 1857. The first known residents, Edward & Maria Chapman, are listed here in the 1873-74 Oberlin City Directory. Edward was a Civil War veteran who fought for Company A of the 46th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry (Holsworth). A carpenter, Edward also served as clerk & treasurer of the Oberlin Cemetery Association. After Edward's death in 1899, Maria rented some of her rooms to Rev. DeVillo Z Sheffield, his wife continued...

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

This house is located on east side of S. Professor St. and it is the second house from the corner of Vine St. There is no garage present on the property. The house is in good condition and is surrounded by other well-maintained homes.

**45. Sources of Information**

- 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative Staff, (1833-1960),' Oberlin College, 1961.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www continued...

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**48. Date Recorded:** 08/02/2004
the perimeter. Positioned on the right corner of the main body are two front doors, each with a window in the top section. The doors are flushed with the exterior surface and face the street. However, there is also a screen door on the south elevation. Most of the windows are six-over-six double hung windows, also typical of Greek Revival Architecture. However, on the right side of the front facade, the windows at the bottom appear to be one-over-one. Mullions create an eight-light window that is located on the front elevation below the roofline. Four windows are situated on the north elevation, two in each story. A chimney is located on the gable end exterior of the south elevation and is flanked by two windows on each side that are situated one on top of the other. A door and a window are located on the one-story section in the rear. Another brick chimney is located in the center of the main body. The facades of the house appear to be faced with vinyl siding, which was most likely, an alteration from wood.

Eleanore, & their children Flora & Caroline (Holsworth, City Directory). DeVillo was listed as a missionary to China in the 1900 census (Holsworth). The Sheffield family had left by 1902, when they are no longer listed in the city directory. Maria, continued to live here through 1920 and probably until her death in 1923 (Holsworth). By 1927, Rev. William Duncan Ferguson, a graduate of OC's graduate school of theology (class of 1894), & his wife Belle C were living here (Alumni Register 204, City Directory). By 1935 he was listed as retired in the city directories. Living in the house was also Ferguson's daughter, Alice Catherine Ferguson, a 1927 graduate of OC who received her PhD from the University of Chicago in 1934 and was then a professor and chairperson of the classical and modern languages department at Ashland University. (Oberlin News-Tribune). After William's death in 1959, Alice continued to live here until her death in 1972. Alice left the house to Dave Delong. A veterinarian who owned the Oberlin Animal Hospital, he had looked after her dogs that she left at the hospital every day (Lothrop).
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