**Reamer Place** is a predominately intact historic residential neighborhood. Along the corners of the house, bricks laid to look like quoins are capped with white Ionic scrolls. Paired, fluted porch posts with Ionic capitals support a low hipped roof, covered with tar. The Ionic motif appears at each corner of the house and a rear, glassed-in porch has lat columnar silhouettes between each window, probably a late addition. The same dentilated cornice line appears on the hipped-roof dormer windows, the porch roof, and the main roof. The main entrance has a door with a large glass panel and sidelights. The windows on the first and second stories are double hung; on the first floor they are arranged in addition. The same dentilated cornice line appears on the gabled-roof dormer windows, the porch roof, and the main roof. The main entrance has a door with a large glass panel and sidelights. The windows on the first and second stories are double hung; on the first floor they are arranged in addition.

**History and Significance**
This house was built in 1909 by August Straus for his daughter and son-in-law, Claudia Straus Carruthers and Will Carruthers. August Straus and his cousin, Marx Straus, made a significant fortune as Oberlin clothiers; they were among Oberlin's leading businessmen. The two cousins were from New York where their family ties allowed them to bring the latest fashions to town (Blodgett). Marx Straus was a philanthropic supporter of the college and in 1878 he purchased the Park House, the original Inn at the corner of North Main and College Streets, and gave it to the college. When daughter Claudia decided to marry the local jeweler, (cont.)
51. Condition of Property

- Excellent
- Good/Fair [X]
- Deteriorated

54. Farmstead Plan

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

- Corn Crib or Shed
- Smoke House
- Designed Landscape Features

- Summer Kitchen
- Spring House
- Privy
- Silo
- Ice House
- Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

OAI Completed?

- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No

55. Archaeological Feature:

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

- Observed
- Expected on Basis of Archival Research

- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No

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

August built the couple this new home on Oberlin’s newest street. The Carruthers occupied the house through 1942. In 1948 Lou and Florence Nils were the house’s occupants; he was employed as “works manager.” From 1956 through 1970 G.E. and Eleanor Simpson occupied the house; he was an Oberlin College professor (City Directories).

This house is significant for its association with one of Oberlin’s leading commercial families, and for its association with college faculty. The house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in May 1997.

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

...a manner similar to Chicago Style windows. All windows appear to be replacements.