**LOR-1786-21**

1. **No.** LOR-1786-21
2. **County** Lorain
3. **Location of Negatives** O.H.I.O. Resource Center

**Fitch House**

**6. Specific Address or Location**
347 Reamer Place

**7. City or Village** Oberlin

**16. Thematic Associations:**
Women’s Suffrage/Women’s Equality, College, RE

**17. Date(s) or Period**
c. 1937-39

**17b. Alteration Date(s)**
c. 1937-39

**18. Style or Design**
High Style

**18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)**

**19. Architect or Engineer**

**19a. Design Sources**

**20. Contractor or Builder**

**21. Building Type or Plan**
Other House Type

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

**23. Present Use**
Single Dwelling,

**24. Ownership** Private

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

**26. Property Acreage** .27

**27. Other Surveys**

**31. Wall Construction**
Balloon frame/western frame/pla

**32. Roof Type** Cross gable

**33. No. of Bays** 2

**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)**
Clapboard or weatherboard

**35. Plan Shape** Irregular

**36. Changes**
Addition Yes
Altered Moved

**37. Window Type(s)**

**38. Building Dimensions**
51 x 37

**39. Endangered?**
By What?

**40. Chimney Placement**
Off center within ridgeline

**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road** Approx. 35'

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

This house is an example of a Tudor/English Revival in Oberlin. The front elevation includes a gabled section that sticks out near the center and contains an eight-over-twelve window at the left side and a small, square window at the right side of the gable. The left side of the house has two eight-over-twelve windows, and the right side includes an attached one-car garage. The garage may not have originally been attached; it is connected by a continued...

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

Florence Mary Fitch was the first known resident of this house, which was probably built between 1938-39 (City Directory), although the property card dates it at 1937. Florence lived in this house approximately 20 years. She came to OC from Stratford, CT & graduated with her BA in 1897. She then studied in Germany & was the first American Woman to earn a MA & PhD in Philosophy from the University of Berlin. She also studied at Union Theological Seminary, American School for Oriental Research in continued...

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

A shed is located behind the house, which is in good condition on this residential street.

**45. Sources of Information**


**46. Prepared By:** Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy

**48. Date Recorded:** 08/19/2003
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3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen  5. Historic or Other Name(s) Fitch House  

1. Condition of Property: Excellent  
2. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies  
3. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers  
4. Farmstead Plan  

51. Door Selection: Single centered  
52. Door Position: Flush  
53. Orientation: Gable with two story same height  
54. Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry  

FOR OHPO USE:  
50a. Date Revised:  
50b. Reviewed by:  
RPR Number:  

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)  
Recessed entry between the house and garage. A simple wood rail leads up to the stoop. The door is located near the center and contains molded wood panels, with a transom above it. All windows on the main facade have shutters. The west elevation contains two eight-over-eight windows with shutters to the left and a six-over-nine window directly left of the door. An eight-over-twelve window is located near the center of the elevation. The second story has a butterfly roof and casement windows with wood muntins in the gables. The garage includes a four-over-four window with shutters, and a small shed is located behind the garage. The east elevation features eight-over-twelve windows with shutters at the front, projecting section, at the far right of the elevation. This elevation is mostly obscured by foliage; however, a pair of casement windows is visible in the gable. Shuttered windows in the first story, and a two-story rear addition are also visible.  

43. History and Significance (Con't)  
Jerusalem, University of Chicago Divinity School, & was an honorary Litt. D. & Alumni Medal recipient from Oberlin College. She worked at OC as an instructor in the Dept. of Philosophy & secretary to OC President Henry Churchill King. She taught Religion & Philosophy & based her religious knowledge on her travels to Israel, Syria, Greece, Egypt, India, Sri Lanka, Burma, Thailand, China, Japan, & Hawaii. In 1936, she interviewed Mohandas K Gandhi, who reviewed her manuscript, ‘Their Search for God.’ She acted as Dean of College & Graduate Women & founded the ‘Women’s League’ at Oberlin, which was designed to adjudicate matters relating to the lives of women undergraduates. (cont...)  

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