This two-story vernacular house contains elements of the Shingle style and is situated as an upright and wing. It has a steep, cross-gabled roof. Shingled wall treatments are apparent as most of the house is covered with horizontal wood siding. The gabled porch area under the roofline contains shaped wood shingles, which create an undulating pattern. The floor plan is rectangular even though there appears to have been a two-story addition added continued...

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

This house was built sometime around 1894, as that is when the city directories first list it, with E. R. Parsons as its reside nt. The next year, the directories list F. J. King (listed elsewhere as Frank Y. King) living here with his daughter Mary Elizabeth. The city directories then show a string of short term residents including: Mrs. A. F. Miller (1897); Mrs. Serena Van Benschoten and her daughters Linna and Marie (both Oberlin College students; 1899); Nathan H. Whitney, a farmer, his wife continued...

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

The house is the second house from the corner of Union St. and N. Professor St.; it is on the north side of the street. The house appears to be in a state of disrepair with peeling paint and siding falling off. There is no garage on the property. However, it seems that a back porch was once attempted. This home is surrounded by other houses is good condition.

45. Sources of Information

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Henrietta, and their daughter Madge, a clerk at Preston Dry Goods Co. (1902-1904). About 1907, an African American brick layer named George W. Quinn moved into this house with his wife Minne and their daughter Juanita (City Directories, Holsworth). George had immigrated to Ohio from New Berlin, North Carolina with his father and mother (both born free) and siblings (Bigglestone, 170). Minnie immigrated to Ohio from West Virginia. In 1921, daughter Juanita (an Oberlin High graduate) married Leon Evans. In 1932, George Quinn died (buried in Westwood Cemetery). Minnie Quinn remained here until 1939. It is unclear where she went after that, but she died (also buried in Westwood) in 1943 (Holsworth). In 1941, Jack Schafer (also known as John Schafer), a factory worker in Lorain, and his wife Mary L., a teacher, moved into this house. Sometime later (circa 1961), Jack became a painter (City Directories).
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