Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Rental Property

1. No. LOR-01999-21

2. County Lorain

4. Present Name(s) Rental Property

3. Present Name(s) Smith-Davidson House

5. Historic or Other Name(s) Smith-Davidson House

6. Specific Address or Location 47 W Vine St

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 900085113004

7. City or Village Oberlin

9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin Zone: Easting 397903 Zone: Northing 4571300

10. Classification: Building

11. On National Register? NO

12. Part of Established Hist. Dist.? NO

13. Other Designation (NR or Local)

16. Thematic Associations:
   Newspapers/Magazines College World War II
   Date(s) of Period c. 1898

17. Alteration Date(s) 1898

18. Style Class and Design
   No academic style - Vernacular

19. Architect or Engineer

20. Design Sources

21. Building Type or Plan American foursquare

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 0.14 acres

27. Other Surveys

28. No. of Stories Two and a half story

29. Basement? Yes

30. Foundation Material Unknown

31. Wall Construction Balloon western/platform frame

32. Roof Type Hip

33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 3

34. Exterior Wall Material(s)
   Clapboard or weatherboard
   Wood shingle

35. Plan Shape Square

36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:
   17. Original/Most significant construct
   17b. Other

37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1

38. Building Dimensions 44' x 54'

39. Endangered? NO
   By What?

40. Chimney Placement Two chimneys asymmetrical

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 20'

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features

This American Foursquare has elements of what McAlester would refer to as Free Classic style, due to its Tuscan porch posts and brackets below the eaves. The first story is covered in clapboard, while the second story is covered in shingles. The shingles of the house flare out slightly above the first story, above a cornice-shaped belt course. A simple frieze runs below the roof's eaves and decorative brackets adorn the frieze. At the main facade (north), the porch is located at the center of the first story and has Tuscan columns that sit on clapboard walkways. Dentils run below the hipped roof of the porch. Concrete steps with metal rails lead up to the porch. At the porch, an original door is located to the right. The door includes a window near its center, with a row of three square, filled panels above the window, and two horizontal filled panels below the window. Also at the porch, a large 1/1 window is located left of the door. To the left and right of the porch, the facade features 1/1 windows at the first story. The second story has two 1/1 windows. The attic features a hipped dormer with two windows (nearly square-shaped) that have wood Mullions that form continued...

43. History and Significance

This house was likely constructed between 1897 and 1899 when the city directory lists the first known resident Mrs. Silas K. Smith - Mary Gardner - at this address. By 1902, Mary Gardner Smith, along with Joy, an OHS graduate, Dwight and Ruth, a future OHS graduate and Conservatory student resided here. The Smiths are once again listed in 1904. By 1908 a carpenter, Frank B Cunningham, his wife Hannah A., Mrs. Olive Hunter and her daughter Cora M. Hunter, an OC student, were the occupants. Frank and Hannah also had a daughter, Mildred, who lived here as well. By 1910 the widow Ida Shearman took up residence here with her son Phillip, a salesman. In 1920 Phillip married Carolyn who lived in the house as well. Phillip and Carolyn had departed by 1927, leaving the house to Ida. By 1933 John continued...

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

Outbuildings: none. This house is located on a residential street that receives little traffic.

45. Sources of Information


46. Prepared By: Patricia Murphy

47. Organization: Oberlin Heritage Center

48. Date Recorded: 06/23/2007

49. PIR Reviewer: RLK Murphy

50. PIR Review Date: 06/12/2008
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6. Address:  
7. Section:  
8. Site Plan with North Arrow  
9. Map Description:  
10. Surveyoria:  
11. Use:  
12.时期的:  
13. 建筑物:  
14. 历史或其它名:  
15. 项目关联报告:  
16. NADB #:  
17. Farmstead Plan:  
18. Door Selection: Single off center  
19. Door Position: Flush  
20. Orientation: Other  
21. Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry  
22. 单个偏心门  
23. 冲切门  
24. 其它方向  
25. 不对称
a diamond pattern. The east elevation is obscured by foliage, but an exterior brick chimney is visible near the right side, with a 1/1 to the right of the chimney at the second story. Near the center of the first story, a large 1/1 window is flanked by narrow 1/1 windows. Another 1/1 window is located to the left of the first story. The second story includes 1/1 windows at the center and left of the elevation. A one-story, rear addition is visible from this elevation. The west elevation features an attached garage, which has been connected at the right side of the elevation. The single car garage may be alternated from an original garage. The door of the garage is cut away at the upper corners and has a flat roof as well as an addition above it that has a hipped roof. At the center of the west elevation, an original door has a window and filled wood panels. A hipped porch roof shades the door, and turned posts and quarter-circle brackets support this roof. The balustrade around the perimeter of this small porch is simple with the balusters forming squares. Left of the door, a large, square window has decorative mullions in the upper half, which frame the upper sash in square lights. The second story features 1/1 windows at the left and center. Towards the right, and set lower, there is an eight-light window (which could be 4/4 double hung, but it is obscured by a storm window). The attic features a shed dormer with two 1/1 windows and wood shingles along the exterior of the dormer.

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

Carlson, the owner of Star Restaurant, resided here with his wife, Frieda. By 1935 Kenneth E. Worcester, an OHS graduate and dairy man, and his wife Elizabeth, also an OHS graduate, owned the home, along with one child. By 1937 the Worcestes had a second child. That year, Carl W. Kinney Jr., an editor for the Oberlin Times, and his wife Rebecca had moved in alongside the Worcestes, as had Maynard Davidson, a manager at Davidson Elevator, his wife Sarah, and their two children. By 1939 the Worcestes had left and Robert Lyman, a mail clerk, his wife Evelyn and their two children replaced them. By the next year, the Kinneys had moved to W. College St., the Lymans to N. Main St. and the Davidsons to Woodland Ave. Moving into this house in 1940 were Mrs. Harriet Emily Boggs, the widow of Rev. John Marshall Boggs, Sally Isabel Marsh, the secretary to the Dean of the College, and Dan Tenney, a police officer and OHS graduate. By 1941 Dan Tenney had moved to S. Professor St. leaving the house to Mrs. Boggs and Ms. Marsh. The next year Graydon Harold Neel, a machinist, his wife Rose, an employee of OC, Nancy Jean Richardson, a secretary in the School of Theology, and Eileen Thompson, an office assistant in the College's physical education department, were occupying the house. In January 1942 Eileen Thompson married Richard Miller and moved away to Canton. The News-Tribune reported in March 1942 that Miss Richardson and Miss Marsh had moved to a new apartment on N. Main St. In July of that year Sally Marsh married Robert Wagner, a mathematics professor. By 1943 all of the 1942 residents had moved away. The only known resident in the 1943 directory was Kenneth Worcester who had lived in the house previously in the late 1930's, having lived in Wellington during his hiatus. It is possible he retained ownership of the house and rented it out during that period. Kenneth Worcester arrived in the house in early 1942, but was likely not living there full time, as starting in 1941 he began training to prepare to enter World War II. By 1943 he had entered active duty service and served in Asia. In 1944 Walter Day moved into the home for a short time. By 1948 Eugene Kaza, a student, moved in with his wife Nancy to share the home with the Worcestes along with W Raymond Shumate, a traveling salesman, and his wife Marie. By 1956 the Kzas, Worcestes and Shumates had moved elsewhere. Edward Twining, a manager at Twining Motor Sales, and his wife Mary moved in and in 1958 with Michael J Barnes, a worker at General Industries, and his wife Betty. By 1961 the Twinings and Barnes left the home. Residing here were a painter, Curtis R Calendine, and his wife Iila, Ronald Moran and his wife Marian, and Emerson W. Thomas, a clerk, his wife Barbara and their two children. By 1970 Maynard P Davidson, the director of the Oberlin Savings Bank, his wife Sally and Donald Gunner, a student occupied this house. Maynard Davidson continued to live here until the early 1990's when Murray Ridge Housing purchased the home. Murray Ridge Housing works as a community living organization serving those with mental handicaps - they currently own about twenty homes in Lorain County. In 2000 the current owners, Roy L Poper and Laura Kuennen, purchased the home.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

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

45. Sources (Con't)