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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY SINCE 1885

## OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. FIZA - 3366-10

4. Present Name(s)

Foxx, Robert and Geraldine - House

5. Other Name(s)

3. Location of Negatives Col. Dept. of Jobs Developmen

Bulford House

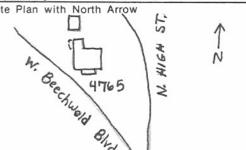
6. Specific Location

2. County Franklin

4765 North High Street

7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity

Columbus 8. Site Plan with North Arrow



9. U.T.M. Reference

Zone Easting Northing 10. Site Structure Building X Object 11. On National Yes 🗆 Yes 🗆 12. Is It

Register? Eligible? No 🗸 13. Part of Estab. Yes 14. District Hist. Dist.? No 🗸 Potent'l?

15. Name of Established District

16. Thematic Category 28. No. of Stories

> Public Private X

17. Date(s) or Period 1924 (used foundation of earlier

house) 18. Style or Design

Craftsman Bungalow 19. Architect or Engineer

Marriott & Allen (in 1908) 20. Contractor or Builder

21. Original Use, if apparent

Unknown 22. Present Use Residential

23. Ownership

24. Owner's Name & Address, if known

Robert & Geraldine Foxx

4765 N. High St., Columbus, OH 25. Open to Yes □ No 🌣

26. Local Contact Person or Organization

Old Beechwold Assoc'n., Pres. 27. Other Surveys in Which Included

None

Public?

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29. Basement? Yes X No 🗆 Partial

30. Foundation Material

18" thick stone block

31. Wall Construction

Frame 32. Roof Type & Material Gable, Rigid Asbestos

33. No. of Bays Front 5

Side 2

34. Wall Treatment Painted wood shingles

35. Plan Shape

36. Changes Addition X (Explain Altered \(\bar{\pi}\) Moved □ in #42)

37. Condition Interior

Good Exterior Good

38. Preservation Yes X Underway? No

39. Endangered? Yes X□ By What? No 🗆 Widening of High St. Morse Road Extension Yes X

40. Visible from Public Road?

41. Distance from and High St Frontage on Road High = Frontage on Beechwold=250

42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary)

Bulford house, 4765 North High. Craftsman styling includes all wood and shingle exterior, brackets under roof overhang on one side of house, shed-roofed dormer with exposed rafters both front and back of house, 2 small corner porches with square posts, and a long front porch with brackets under extended porch roof. On either side of front doorway is a round post set against the siding. Multi-panel windows

Yes 🗆

No 🗆



43. History and Significance

In abstract, this house is termed "farm cottage" and is no doubt the oldest in Old Beechwold. It is documented as being the gatekeeper's house for the zoo (1902-1906), but no prior history can be found. Mr. Joseph Jeffrey, founder and president of Jeffrey Manufacturing Co. bought house and 75 acres in 1906 as his suburban estate, and had additions made to original (over)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

House sits on large heavily wooded triangular-shaped lot and is quite secluded from High Street. Stone gateposts flank walkway on High St. side. To side of house is wood shingled 2-car garage with gable roof.

45. Sources of Information

Owner Tax Records Deed Directory "Architecture Columbus" Abstract of Property

46. Prepared by Virginia Secrest

47. Organization Old Beechwold

48. Date 49. Revision Date(s) 2/84

Other Name(s) Bulford House

FRANKLIN

FOXX,

ROBERT

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GERALDINE

No 🗆

Present Name(s)

50. House Type No.	53. Farmstead Plan			
Code No. Name	г			.7
51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies	200			
Barn Type(s)	•		•	
Code No. Type		) entefavi		
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Corn Crib or Shed			•	
Other				
52. Archaeological Site on Property?	1		•	٠
Yes □ No □				
Basis for Information	٠.	•	•	٦.
Owner Collection  Above Ground Earthworks or Mound  Cultural Materials Noted  OAI No	54. Photo Roll No.	Picture No(s)		

42. (Cont'd) are casement style that swing inward. All windows and built-in bookcase in living room have leaded glass. Exceptionally large living room has high (10 ft.) ceiling and dark pine woodwork, incl. plate rail, bookcase, and panel above fireplace.

43. structure in 1908 by Marriott & Allen. An associate of Jeffrey, perhaps a caretaker of the estate, lived here 1908-1915, when it was sold to George H. & Florence A. Bulford. The Bulfords also purchased 2 adjoining lots. Mr. Bulford was a very prominent architect whose firm designed many public buildings in downtown Columbus. (see attached list). Bulford's widow retained the house until 1962. Presdent owner, Mr. Foxx, is a legal investigator.

Continuation Sheet: Specify Section & Item (use additional Continuation Sheets if necessary)

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office files contain additional information for this property. Information may include: newspaper clippings, church bulletins, maps or additional text.