OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. 2. County 4. Present Name(s) 
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Ctr. Williams House 
5. Historic or Other Name(s) Williams House, Lyon House 

6. Specific Address or Location 51 North Cedar Street 
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-085-106-004 
7. City or Village Oberlin 
7a. If Rural, Township & Vicinity 
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 
9. U.T.M. Reference 
Quadrangle Name 
Zone 
Easting 
Northing 
10. Site 
Structure 
Building 
Object 
11. On National Register? No 
12. N.R. Potential? No 
13. Part of Estab Hist Dist? No 
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local) 
16. Thematic Association(s) Civil War, Parochial/private education - College 

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features 
This house is a typical Greek Revival farmhouse. One gable end faces the street, and a wing projects from each side of it, perpendicular to the main gable. The porch is slightly recessed, and covers the façade of the main gable, but not the wings. A flat roofed addition on the back of the house has a side door and porch on its south side. 

43. History and Significance 
Farmer and grocer David A. Williams had this house built shortly before the Civil War (Blodgett). In 1859, his grocery business on S. Main was called Williams and Bailey (City Directories). Erwin E. and Harriett A. Lyon moved in before 1890. Erwin had attended the Oberlin College Preparatory Dept. in 1860 and 1861 before serving in the Civil War as a private in Company D of the 101st Ohio Volunteer Infantry from July 1862 through December 1863. After the war, he became a manufacturer of black board slating. His daughter Lorena Adelia Lyon attended Oberlin College and later worked as a teacher. His son Doren Edwin Lyon also (cont.) 

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) 
A driveway on the south side of the house leads to a garage in the backyard. The Oberlin College heating plant and the Pottery Co-op are both visible behind the house. 

45. Sources of Information 

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47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C. 
48. Date Recorded 12/16/2002 
49. Revised by 
50a. Date Revised 
50b. Reviewed by
51. Condition of Property
- Excellent
- Good/Fair X
- Deteriorated
- Ruin
- Destroyed/Burned

Date __________

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? ____________________________

Archaeological Feature: Observed Expected on Basis of Archival Research
- Well
- Privy
- Cistern
- Foundation
- Structural Rubble
- Formal Trash Dump
- Other

54. Farmstead Plan

52. History and Significance (Continued from page 1)
attended the College, worked as an engineer at the water works, and became the superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for Oberlin College by 1935. Erwin lived in the house through 1916 and died in 1921. Doren lived here until his death in 1936, and his wife Elizabeth stayed through 1956 (City Directories). George J. and Ada E. Holgate lived with the Lyons from 1929 through 1938 (Directories). Oberlin College bought the house in 1965 and uses it as a rental for faculty and staff (Blodgett).