**Ohio Historic Inventory**

**Ohio Historic Preservation Office**
567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
614/298-2000

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**LOR-1577-21**

1. **No.** LOR-1577-21

2. **County** Lorain

3. **Location of Negatives** O.H.I.O. Resource Center

4. **Present Name(s)** Brown House

5. **Historic or Other Name(s)**

6. **Specific Address or Location**
   302 East College Street

7. **City or Village** Oberlin

8. **Site Plan with North Arrow**

9. **U.T.M. Reference**
   - **Quadrangle Name:** Oberlin
   - **Zone:** 17
   - **Easting:** 39898
   - **Northing:** 457161

10. **Classification:** Building

11. **On National Register?**

12. **Part of Established Hist. Dist?**

13. **Other Designation (NR or Local)**

14. **No. of Stories** One and a half stories

15. **Basement?** Yes

16. **Thematic Associations:**
   - **AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE, Elementary**

17. **Date(s) or Period**
   - **c. 1915-1927**

17b. **Alteration Date(s)**

18. **Style or Design**
   - **High Style Elements**

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

19. **Architect or Engineer**

19a. **Design Sources**

20. **Contractor or Builder**

21. **Building Type or Plan**
   - Bungalow Dormer Front

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** .40

27. **Other Surveys**

28. **No. of Stories**

29. **Foundation Material** Stone bearing

30. **Roof Type** Gable with side gable

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

32. **Roof Material** Asphalt shingles

33. **No. of Bays** 2

34. **Exterior Wall Material(s)**
   - Cast concrete block (rock faced)

35. **Plan Shape** Rectangular

36. **Changes**
   - Addition
   - Altered
   - Moved

37. **Window Type(s)**
   - Casements

38. **Building Dimensions**
   - 50 x 23

39. **Endangered?**
   - By What?

40. **Chimney Placement**
   - Multiple random

41. **Distance from & Frontage on Road**
   - Approx. 30'

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

   This is an example of a Front Dormer Bungalow, with a stone exterior. The stone appears to be a veneer of rock face ashlar, with heavily pronounced mortar. It is difficult to determine if this was the original material, or if the stone has been used to cover the exterior. The main facade features a sunroom at the right, which has a ribbon of four casement windows, each with decorative leaded glass in the upper half. The leaded glass is found in continued...

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

   The property card dates this house to 1915, but the address 302 E. College never appears in the city directories. A house at 300 E. College shows up in the city directories, however, starting in 1927 up until 1970. Since there is no house numbered 300 on E. College today, and no other house situated between 299 and 304 besides this one, it seems possible that this address was changed from 300 to 302 sometime between 1970 and now (City Directory). The first resident listed at 300 E. College, in continued...

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

   A one-car garage, located behind the house, has a pyramidal slate roof and stone exterior. The house appears to be in good condition and is located along a busy street.

45. **Sources of Information**


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

47. **Organization:** O.H.I.O.

48. **Date Recorded:** 08/19/2003
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| 53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers |

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| 54. Farmstead Plan |

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

- most of the home’s windows. A porch at the left side of the facade has one stone column and the door has a large glass window. Cement steps with stone walls flanking them lead up to the porch. Three windows face west at the porch. A gabled dormer has three casement windows, with leaded glass as in the first story. The gable has wood clapboard siding on the side elevations, and stone on the front. A circular, louvered window is located in the gable. The eaves have exposed rafters. The west elevation contains a door near the center of the elevation, with an elaborate leaded glass window above. A double hung window is located to the left, and a smaller window above it has leaded glass. A modern deck is connected to the rear of the house. The east elevation features a set of three casement windows at the far left, along the sunroom, with leaded glass in the upper half. The slightly protruding exterior chimney is located left of center, and is flanked by small leaded glass windows. To the right, a square, projecting bay window has wood clapboard siding and three windows with leaded glass in the upper half. The second story has two windows, with the same leaded glass.

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**43. History and Significance (Con’t)**

1927, was W.M. Brown (City Directory). He lived here with his wife Mary P., and was an employee of the Federal Farm Administration in 1935 (City Directory). The Browns probably lived here until at least 1942 (City Directory). By 1956, Ruth and Walter L. Cox resided here (City Directory). Walter was the head storekeeper for Oberlin College (City Directory). They owned the house until at least 1970, when Walter was listed as retired (City Directory). According to local historian Prue Richards, in the 1980s, the Bombaugh family lived here with their daughter, Maya; Mr. Bombaugh was a nurse & his wife, Ruth, was a middle school teacher.

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