An 1878 lithograph and a 1933 photo show this building as a three story commercial structure. Today it is a two-story building with a newer parapet and evidence of the third floor on the building to the east. Aluminum and glass overlay covers the first floor. The second story has the original common bond brick work. Upper floor windows are 6/1 with semi-elliptical arches of brick set in vertical pattern. A central doorway to the upper floors is flanked by two distinctively different storefront facades. The rear facade is in shape and has three bays.

43. History and Significance
This 1867 brick structure, built by John D. Carpenter, was not damaged in the terrible fire of 1887 and prevented the fire from spreading down West College Street. It has been divided into two street level storefronts since construction with a central door to the second floor. The east storefront has had many dry goods stores and since 1942 the Ben Franklin store, which has since expanded into the building to the east. The western storefront has been a grocery, drug store, and clothing and tailoring shop. Second and third floor were home to Sherman Telegraph School in the 1870s and the Oberlin Business College in the 1880s.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)
This has been a central business location for more than 120 years. It is across from the historic Oberlin College campus and is today centrally located in the historic downtown.

45. Sources of Information
Fred Maddock files at O.H.I.O. Resource Center and Oberlin College Archives; Oberlin H.P.C. files; Lorain County Courthouse tax records.
### 51. Condition of Property

- [ ] Excellent
- [ ] Good/Fair
- [X] Deteriorated

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### 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?**
- [ ] no
- [ ] no
- [ ] no
- [ ] no
- [ ] no

**Archaeological Feature:**
- Well
- Privy
- Cistern
- Foundation
- Structural Rubble
- Formal Trash Dump
- Other

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### 54. Farmstead Plan

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### 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

### 43. History and Significance (Continued from page 1.)