42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features

On the front of this large brick house on the first story is a wooden bay window on the left side, with very ornamental paired brackets and decorative woodwork under the cornice. On the right side of the front is a gabled wooden protrusion with the front door to the house, which is a double door approached by stairs. The decorative woodwork over the doorway includes a lunette pattern. Over these, the gable end of the house facing the road, with ornate floral patterns in the bargeboard. All of the windows in the house have simple sandstone heads and sills. (continued on back)

43. History and Significance

The house was built in 1885 for Oberlin alumnus and faculty member Lyman Bronson Hall. The mason for the house, Marvin Teachout, died from injuries he received by falling off the scaffolding during construction. Professor Hall graduated from Oberlin College in 1872, and returned to teach American History five years later. He was known for his strong prohibitionist sentiments and innovative teaching. He lived in the house through 1916, though from 1894 to 1896 a Mrs. E. F. May and Professor S. W. Rain resided there, and from 1908 to 1910, Lucy P. Caldwell lived in the house with Professor Hall. (continued on back)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)

This large house is confined to a small corner lot, with a small back yard enclosed by a picket fence. The driveway, which slopes down into the basement-level garage, is just long enough for a car to park outside the garage.

45. Sources of Information

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

On the west side of the house is a small porch with wooden decorations between the posts and a decorative wooden hood. The roof brackets are of an elaborate scroll design. There is an intersecting gable on the west side of the house. On the east side, there is a two-story bay window with a hip roof, and an entrance that goes into an enclosed porch. Behind this is a sandstone garage, and on the back of the house over this garage is a screened-in porch covered with wood lattice.

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

In 1927, Jasper W. Hall, a clothing merchant, bought the house and lived there until 1938 with his wife Minerva. From 1939 to 1942, Howard Robinson resided there, and from 1956 to the 1960s, Ridge Tool employee James Baxter owned the home. Hall is listed as living in the residence from 1888 to 1916.