21 West College Street

West half of a three and-a-half story commercial building with a mansard roof and two dormer windows. First floor has an altered storefront. The building's halves are divided by a central entrance to the upper floor. Second and third floor windows are double-hung 2/2, with stone sills and lintels. Third floor windows are taller than second floor windows. A bracketed cornice between third floor windows and mansard roof has brick dentil. Roof is fish-scale slate. The rear of the building is two bays wide with elongated windows. Single storied utility addition have segmental arches over entryways and windows.

This building was built by John D. Carpenter, the principal developer of West College Street in the 1860s. This is the oldest intact building in downtown Oberlin and reflects the community's early aspirations. Many different businesses (principally grocers) have occupied the first floor. The upper floors have been occupied by various services including the Western Union Telegraph office, a photography gallery, and a dressmaker. When ownership of this building was divided is unknown.

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

☐ Excellent
☐ Good/Fair
☒ 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
☐ Garages

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

OAI Completed?

Archaeological Feature:

- Well
- Privy
- Foundation
- Structural Rubble
- Formal Trash Dump
- Other

Observed

Expected on Basis of Archival Research

54. Farmstead Plan

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

54. Farmstead Plan

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

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