### LOR-1597-21

1. **No.** LOR-1597-21
2. **County** Lorain
3. **Location of Negatives** O.H.I.O. Resource Cen
4. **Present Name(s)** 'Bug House'
5. **Historic or Other Name(s)** Lang House, 'Wood Shed'
6. **Specific Address or Location** 214 West College Street
7. **City or Village** Oberlin
8. **Site Plan with North Arrow**
9. **U.T.M. Reference**
   - Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
   - Easting: 397387
   - Northing: 4571660
10. **Classification:** Building
11. **On National Register?**
12. **Part of Established Hist. Dist?**
13. **Other Designation (NR or Local)**
14. **Sources of Information**
15. **History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)**
   - This house was built in 1870 for Jesse H. Lang, a jack of many trades. He worked as a realtor, a compiler of illustrated Bible books for children, and a pension lawyer for Civil War veterans. As a pension lawyer, Lang ran into trouble with the government for filing false claims (Blodgett 104). The Lang family lived in this house until 1896, after which there were a number of different residents. The residents who lived there the longest were the George C. Wood family from 1902 to 1927 and the J. continued...
16. **Thematic Associations:**
   - College, Literature/Publishing, Law Office
17. **Date(s) or Period**
   - 1870
   - 17b. Alteration Date(s) c. 1920, c. 1990
18. **Style or Design**
   - High Style
   - Gothic Revival,
   - Colonial Revival
19. **Architect or Engineer**
20. **Contractor or Builder**
21. **Building Type or Plan**
   - Gabled Ell
22. **Original Use, if apparent**
   - Single Dwelling,
   - Added
23. **Present Use**
   - Single Dwelling,
   - Moved
24. **Ownership** Private
25. **Owner's Name & Address, if known**
26. **Property Acreage** .64
27. **Other Surveys**
28. **No. of Stories** Two story
29. **Basement?** Yes
30. **Foundation Material** Concrete block
31. **Wall Construction** Balloon frame/western frame/pla
32. **Roof Type** Cross gable
   - Roof Material Asphalt shingle
33. **No. of Bays** 3
   - Side Bays Irregular
34. **Exterior Wall Material(s)** Aluminum or vinyl siding
35. **Plan Shape** Rectangular
36. **Changes**
   - Addition
   - Altered
   - Yes
   - Moved
37. **Window Type(s)**
   - 4 over 4,
38. **Building Dimensions** 56 x 50
39. **Endangered?** By What?
40. **Chimney Placement** Center
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 Gothic Revival Gabled Ell house in Oberlin. The front-facing gabled end has pairs of hexagonal windows in the first and second stories. The first story windows appear to be replacements (they are casement windows). The second story windows are four-over-four. The window surrounds have chamfered edges, and decorative woodwork adorns the surrounds. The gable has decorative bargeboard attached to the eaves. The ell has a continued...
43. **Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)**
   - The house is located at the corner of South Cedar and West College streets, and is in fair condition. A detached carriage house, which appears to be unaltered, is located behind the house. The carriage house was built in 1919 (Property Card). The wood clapboard doors of the carriage house are laid diagonally.
44. **Sources of Information**
45. **Prepared By:** Petersen, T Reeves, M Surov
46. **Organization:** O.H.I.O.
47. **Date Recorded:** 08/05/2003
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4. Present Name(s) 'Bug House'

5. Historic or Other Name(s) Lang House, 'Wood Shed'

51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

**FOR OHPO USE:**
- Revised By:
- Date Revised:
- Reviewed by:

54. Farmstead Plan

**Door Selection:** Other
**Door Position:** Flush
**Orientation:** Gable with two story same height
**Symmetry:** Bilateral asymmetry

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

- front porch that wraps around the west elevation. The porch has Tuscan columns and decorative, carved balusters. The front facade has a bay window with a six-over-one window at the center and a four-over-one window at the sides of the bay. A six-over-one window is situated to the left of the bay. One porch door is located to the right of the bay, facing the west elevation; the other is recessed back at the far left, with a bay window to its right. This bay window has a six-over-one and a four-over-one window. A gabled wall dormer with a hexagonal window is above the porch with two three-paneled casement windows in it, which appear to be original. Decorative scrolled woodwork is attached to the gable. The addition to the left has its own gable and a door to the far left. A pair of double hung windows is located to the right of the door. The rest of the elevation is difficult to see as it is obscured by foliage. The east elevation includes a square, projecting bay near the center and three six-over-six windows. The bay has a flat roof, decorative molding below the eave, and chamfered edges decorate the window surrounds. A six-over-six window left of the bay has a wood pediment and decorative molding below. A pair of small windows to the right of the bay includes one hopper window and one replacement window. A gabled wall dormer above the bay is the same style as the window at the main facade. The rear elevation includes a porch at the left, flanked by shed dormers, with a flat roof and modern steps leading up to a second-story porch. Two hexagonal windows are in the second story. The addition to the right has an exterior chimney and six-over-one windows at the first story as well as a one-over-one at the second story.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

- W. Wilson family from 1929 until 1942 (City Directories). According to Geoffrey Blodgett, the house has been a very popular rooming house and was also known as the "Wood Shed," after the owners who first rented it out to students in the 1920’s. Today, the Raymond Land Company owns the house, and it is still rented out to college students. Recent generations of Oberlin College students have known the house as "Bug House," and it is a popular performance venue for student rock and roll bands.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

45. Sources (Con't)

- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.
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