**Ohio Historic Inventory**

1. **No.**
2. **County**
3. **Location of Negatives**
   - O.H.I.O. Resource
   - Roll #
   - Exp. #
   - Facing
   - Front: 1 17 S
   - Rear: 2 28 E
4. **Present Name(s)**
   - Java Zone
5. **Historic or Other Name(s)**
   - The Carpenter Block: Oberlin Pharmacy; Gem Pharmacy; Ohly’s Drug Store; Kaiser-Wells Drug Store
6. **Specific Address or Location**
   - 5 West College Street
7. **City or Village**
   - Oberlin
8. **Site Plan with North Arrow**
9. **U.T.M. Reference**
   - Zone
   - Easting
   - Northing
10. **Site**
    - Structure
    - Building
    - Object
11. **On National Register?**
    - no
12. **N.R. Potential?**
    - yes
13. **Part of Estab Hist Dist?**
    - no
14. **Dist. Potential?**
    - yes
15. **Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)**
16. **Thematic Association(s)**
    - Commercial
17. **Date(s) or Period**
    - 1887-1890
18. **Style or Design**
    - High Style
    - Italianate
    - Victorian Commercial
19. **Architect or Engineer**
    - Weary and Kramer, Akron, Ohio
19a. **Design Sources**
19b. **Alteration Date(s)**
20. **Contractor or Builder**
    - Weary and Kramer, Akron, Ohio
20a. **Design Sources**
21. **Building Type or Plan**
22. **Original Use, if apparent**
23. **Present Use**
    - Service and Office
24. **Ownership**
    - Public
    - Private
25. **Owner’s Name & Address, if known**
26. **Property Acreage**
    - .036
27. **Other Surveys in Which Included**
    - Dobson-Brown (92)
28. **No. of Stories**
    - 2
29. **Basement?**
    - Yes
30. **Foundation Material**
    - Stone
31. **Wall Construction**
    - Brick
32. **Roof**
    - Type: Flat
    - Pitch: Low
    - Material: Tar
33. **No. Bays**
    - Front: 2
    - Side: 4
34. **Exterior Wall Material(s)**
    - Red Pressed Brick
35. **Plan Shape**
    - Rectangular
36. **Changes (Explain in #42)**
    - Altered
37. **Window Type(s)**
    - Other
38. **Bldg. Dims.**
    - 25 ft. x 62 ft.
39. **Endangered?**
    - no
39b. **Explain:**
40. **Chimney Placement**
    - Multiple Random
41. **Distance from road**
    - 21 ft.
41b. **Frontage on road**
    - 25 ft.
42. **Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features**
   - This building occupies the principal intersection of downtown Oberlin and was across the street from the original Oberlin College campus. Its' history indicates the dynamic quality of small town commerce.
43. **History and Significance**
   - All of the frame buildings at this intersection were destroyed in the fire of May 1886. This structure is part of a four storefront commercial building. Different brick in varied sections of the block reflect the three years it took to complete construction. All windows have stone sills with colored multi-paned glass around one square pane; the cornice has brick corbeling. The rear displays multiple window and door openings that date from an alley that ran directly behind the building before the southern addition (#14 South Main) was built. Since then #14 has been remodeled, the wall removed and the two buildings are now integrated as one.
44. **Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)**
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; “Oberlin Architecture”, G. Blodgett.
46. **Prepared by**
47. **Organization**
    - O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.
48. **Date Recorded**
    - 12/8/1998
49. **Revised by**
50. **Date Revised**
50b. **Reviewed by**
51. Condition of Property
- Excellent
- Good/Fair [X]
- Deteriorated
- Ruin
- Destroyed/Burned

54. Farmstead Plan

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

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53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) 

OAI Completed? [no]

55. Archaeological Feature

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

buildings for Oberlin College (Peters, Talcott, and Baldwin Halls). In 1900 C.W. Rowland moved the Oberlin Pharmacy to this location. There was, under different owners, a drug store in this corner location until 1994.