OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Herrick's Jewelry & Ben Franklin

3. Location of Negatives
O.H.I.O. Resource
Roll # 1
Exp. # 17
Facing S
Front

Rear

6. Specific Address or Location
7 and 13 West College Street

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number
09-00-085-112-012

7. City or Village
Oberlin

28. No. of Stories
2

29. Basement?
Yes

36. Changes (Explain in #42)

41b. Frontage on road
40 ft.

43. History and Significance
All of the frame buildings on this site were destroyed in the fire of 1886. H.G. Carpenter, who owned the eastern store, tried to acquire all four lots, but was unable to so. He constructed the new building on on two lots he owned and two lots he leased (the central two). This explains the three years required to complete construction. The architectural firm of Weary and Kramer designed three Oberlin College college buildings during the years this building was under construction.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)
Two story brick commercial structure with three altered storefronts. This is the western portion of a four storefront commercial block, with divided ownership since construction. Different brick in varied sections reflect the three years it took to complete construction. Upper floor windows have stone sills with colored multi-paned glass around a square pane. The cornice has brick corbelling. Two of the four second story section have oriel windows.

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

47. Organization
O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.

48. Date Recorded
12/8/1998

49 Revised by

50a. Date Revised

50b. Reviewed by
51. Condition of Property

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

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

- [ ] Corn Crib or Shed
- [ ] Smoke House
- [ ] Designed Landscape Features

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

54. Farmstead Plan

Archaeological Feature: Observed Expected on Basis of Archival Research
- Well: no____ No____
- Privy: no____ No____
- Cistern: no____ No____
- Foundation: no____ No____
- Structural Rubble: no____ No____
- Formal Trash Dump: no____ No____
- Other: no____ No____

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

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