### Elm Street

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This two-story, Italianate Style house has double doors with glass panes below a transom. The doors are covered by a flat roof supported by turned posts. West of the front porch, extending the height and depth of the porch is a bay with three windows and a flat roof under a bracketed cornice. The front façade has one over one double-hung windows with carved lintels. On the east wall behind the façade a one-story bay with a conical roof has four double-hung windows with carved lintels. On the east wall behind the façade a one-story bay with a conical roof has four double-hung windows. Multiple wood frame additions extend behind the house. The additions have multiple dormers: two of the doors have flat-roofed hoods supported by square posts. The house has multiple chimneys, some of which have decorative brickwork.

### History and Significance

This house was built in 1873 for William B. Durand, an insurance agent with a long career as town clerk (Blodgett). From 1877 through 1888 W. B. Durand was listed as the only occupant; beginning in 1890 B.O. Durand was also listed. They are identified as father/son insurance agents. In 1891 Mr. W. B. and Mrs. H.B. Durand, with son B.O. Durand, and his wife Mrs. L. Durand, are listed as occupants. From then through 1908 the occupant listing was for father and son as insurance agents. W. Durand appeared for the last time in 1908. B.O. Durand and his wife Lillian were listed (cont.)

### Description of Environment and Outbuildings

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52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

- [ ] Corn Crib or Shed
- [ ] Summer Kitchen
- [ ] Silo
- [ ] Smoke House
- [ ] Spring House
- [ ] Ice House
- [ ] Designed Landscape Features
- [ ] Privy
- [ ] Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

OAI Completed?

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54. Farmstead Plan

Date ____________

51. Condition of Property

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

- [ ] Ruin
- [ ] Destroyed/Burned

50. Other Details

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

43. History and Significance (Continued from page 1)

as occupants through 1937. In 1939 George S. Dudley was listed as occupant (City Directories). William B. Durand, an architect, assisted by his sister, divided the 28 rooms into apartments in the early 1940s (Blodgett). In 1942 B.O. Durand, Miss Frances Cade, George S. Dudley, Maud Chalfant, Mrs. Charles Monroe, and R.M. Baxter were all listed as occupants (City Directories). In 1961 George S. and Corrine Dudley, retired, were identified as resident owners in the home. Others listed were P.W. Rahmeier, secretary of YMCA & director of Religious Activities at Oberlin College; Mrs. Mable Gibson, retired; Mrs. Grace B. Hollister, retired; and Grace Ranson, retired (City Directories). The house now belongs to the college and is used as rental housing for faculty.

This house is significant as one of Oberlin's most distinguished examples of Italianate Style architecture. Durand House was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in January of 1999.