**Ohio Historic Preservation Office**
567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
614/298-2000

**Ohio Historic Inventory**

**LOR-02021-21**

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6. Specific Address or Location:

| 227 Elm |

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number:

| 90008510309 |

7. City or Village:

| Oberlin |

9. U.T.M. Reference:

| Quadrangle Name: Oberlin | 17 397358 4571454 |

10. Classification:

| Building |

11. On National Register:

| NO |

13. Part of Established Hist. Dist.:

| NO |

15. Other Designation (NR or Local):

**Irish EDUCATION Quadrangle Name:** Oberlin

**Building Type or Plan:**

| Gabled Ell |

**Original Use, if apparent:** Single Dwelling

16. Thematic Associations:

**EDUCATION**

17. Date(s) or Period:

| c. 1877 | 17b. Alteration Date(s) | 1906-1980 |

18. Style Class and Design:

| No academic style - Vernacular |

19. Architect or Engineer:

**Irish**

| Franks, a carpenter, in 1877. Franks was only listed once and the house became a Tobin family home. Patrick was born in Ireland in 1834 and immigrated to the United States in 1852. He married Margaret (b. 1839 in Ireland, immigrated in 1849) and they had seven children. Oberlin in 1865. In 1913 he sold the store to A. H. West and was buried in Westwood in 1917. Their son William M. (1877-1920), and Harry (1883-1959) were all buried in Westwood Cemetery. Patrick became the owner of a saddle and harness factory in New York. 2000. |

According to city directory research, this house was built circa 1877. The first occupants on record were Patrick Richard Tobin and O. H. Franks, a carpenter, in 1877. Franks was only listed once and the house became a Tobin family home. Patrick was born in Ireland in 1834 and immigrated to the United States in 1852. He married Margaret (b. 1839 in Ireland, immigrated in 1849) and they had seven children. William M. (1863-1944), Charles (1866-1922), Minerva (1868-1926), Maud Elizabeth (1872-1941), Frank Wallace (1874-1948), Martha LaMoore (1877-1920), and Harry (1883-1959) were all buried in Westwood Cemetery. Patrick became the owner of a saddle and harness factory in Oberlin in 1865. In 1913 he sold the store to A. H. West and was buried in Westwood in 1917. Their son William M. continued...

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

**Architectural (OAI)**

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

A detached garage, which the Lorain County Auditor's website states was added in 1953, has a north-facing gable, two car doors, and wood clapboard siding. This house is located on a quiet, residential street.

45. Sources of Information


46. Prepared By: Elizabeth Schultz
47. Organization: Oberlin Heritage Center
48. Date Recorded: 11/30/2008
49. PIR Reviewer:
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### Farmstead Plan

- **Door Selection:** Single off center
- **Door Position:** Flush
- **Orientation:** Gable with lateral wing
- **Symmetry:** Bilateral symmetry

**Site Plan with North Arrow**

![Site Plan with North Arrow](image_url)

**Report Associated With Project:**

**NADB #:**

![House Image](image_url)
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

The exterior chimney is featured at the far left side of the west elevation. At the center of the elevation, in the west-facing gabled portion, the second story juts out farther than the first story. At both stories, 2/2 double hung windows have shutters. Two one-story additions are visible at the rear. The southern-most addition is slightly smaller than the other addition, and it has a south-facing gable with a chimney at the south elevation as well. The addition appears to have at least one door or window facing west, however, this is obscured. At the east elevation, in the ell, there is no second story; the first story has a flat roof, which is connected to the porch. This small extension of the porch has a window with one vertical muntin. Above the porch, at the main body of the house, there is a 2/2 double hung window. In the gabled portion of the east elevation, a 2/2 double hung window is at the left side of the first story, and the second story has two windows; the right window has a vertical mullion and the left window is a 2/2 double hung window. At the rear, one-story addition, the details are obscured by trees, however a window is visible. All windows at the east elevation have shutters.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

attended the Oberlin College Preparatory school from 1881-1882, married Martha Smith, and worked as a merchant. Charles graduated from Oberlin High School in 1883 and went on to the Oberlin College Conservatory until 1889. Minerva graduated from Oberlin High School in 1887 and attended Oberlin College and studied literature. Later, she became a teacher in both Oberlin and Cleveland. Maud E. graduated from Oberlin High School in 1890 and attended the Conservatory from 1892-1896. Frank W. married Mable Elizabeth Browning and owned Tobin's Drug Store in Oberlin. They had a son named Frank W. Tobin Jr. Frank Sr. was very active in the community as a board member of the Oberlin Bank Company, Exchange Club President, and was appointed College purchasing agent and financial director of dormitories and boarding halls, among other things. Martha attended Oberlin College from 1894-1899 and became a teacher. Harry was a real estate operator. The house was listed under Harold A. Tobin from 1933 through 1942. Harold Tobin and his wife Martha are listed as retiring at this residence in 1956. The home may have been vacant before this, but records are not definite. In 1961, Simon Barenbaum became the owner of this address with his wife Ruth S. Simon was a French professor at Oberlin College and published an article titled, 'Le Coin du Pedagogue' in the French Review in 1967. Professor Barenbaum and his wife lived here through 1970. The next known occupants and current owners as of 1991 are librarians Thomas J. Hinders and Mary Worthington.

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

45. Sources (Con't)