### OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

**1. No.** LOR-1643-21  
**2. County** Lorain

**3. Location of Negatives** O.H.I.O. Resource Cen

**4. Present Name(s)** Rollin-Brown House

**5. Historic or Other Name(s)** Rollin-Brown House

**6. Specific Address or Location**  
263 Elm Street

**6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number**  
0900-085-103-004

**7. City or Village** If Rural, Township & Vicinity  
Oberlin

**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**

**9. U.T.M. Reference**  
Quadrange Name: Oberlin  
Easting: 397240  
Northing: 4571482

**10. Classification: Building**

**11. On National Register?**

**12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?**

**13. Other Designation (NR or Local)**

**14. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)**

This house is a good example of a house that combines Queen Anne and Shingle styles, with a square porch that wraps around the front and east sides of the house. The first story has wood clapboard siding, while the second story has staggered square shingles. At the rear of the house, the shingles flare slightly before they meet the wood clapboard siding of the second story. The gables have fish scale shingles. The porch has spindle supports and... continued...

**15. Other Sources of Information**


**16. Thematic Associations:**  
COMMERCE,

**17. Date(s) or Period**  
c. 1894

**17b. Alteration Date(s)**

**18. Style or Design**  
High Style Elements  
Queen Anne, Shingle

**18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)**  

**19. Architect or Engineer**

**19a. Design Sources**

**20. Contractor or Builder**

**21. Building Type or Plan**

**22. Original Use, if apparent**

**23. Present Use**

**24. Ownership**  
Private

**25. Owner’s Name & Address, if known**

**26. Property Acreage**  
.25

**27. Other Surveys**

**28. No. of Stories**  
Two and a half story

**29. Basement?**  
Yes

**30. Foundation Material**  
Stone bearing

**31. Wall Construction**

**32. Roof Type**

**33. No. of Bays**  
3

**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)**

**35. Plan Shape**

**36. Changes**

(Explain in #42)

**37. Window Type(s)**  
1 over 1,

**38. Building Dimensions**  
62 x 26

**39. Endangered?**

By What?

**40. Chimney Placement**

Off center within ridgeline

**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road**

Approx. 30'

**42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)**

This house was built c. 1894 when the first known resident, William H Rollin, a grocer & bookseller, was listed here with his wife Justina & 5 children until about 1897 (City Directory). Members of the Rollin family who lived here included Grace, Harlan, Adella & Vernon (City Directory). In 1899, Howard & Jennie Huckins lived here; Howard owned a hardware store (City Directory). Jennie was president of both the Ohio Federation of Women’s Clubs & the Lorain County League of Women Voters (Oberlin continued... continued...

**43. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)**

A two-story carriage house is located behind the house, and is covered in wood clapboard siding.

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**45. Organization:** O.H.I.O.  
**46. Date Recorded:** 08/19/2003
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

several rectangular, Craftsman-style railings. Several entries are located on the porch. A pediment marks the front porch stairs, and main doors; a second set of stairs is located at the rear of the porch, at the east elevation. Above the pediment in the porch, a window element contains a central window flanked by wood-filled windows. The rear of the west elevation has a ribbon of windows on the second story, and another entry to the house. The west and east elevations have brackets below a second story section that project out with slight sunburst patterns and a pendant.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

News). In 1902, Mrs. Juliette & Eva Cookman lived here (City Directory). William V & Anna M Lutz lived here with their children, Amelia & Caroline Lutz in 1908 (City Directory). From c. 1908-20, Dr. Winthrop F & Edith Thatcher lived here with their 3 children (City Directory, Oberlin News). Winthrop was a physician & Edith was on the Board of Health (Oberlin News). They shared the house with Lucy J Whiting in 1910 & Donald & Ruth Morrison in 1920; Donald was a Violin teacher at the Conservatory (City Directory). The Thatchers moved when a traction car struck & killed Winthrop near Castalia, Ohio (City Directory, Oberlin News). Raymond Fisher, an instructor at OC lived here with his wife, Motier H, a writer in 1937-8; they had 2 children (City Directory). From 1939-44, Robert A & Anna Melcher lived here with their 2 children; Robert was an instructor at OC (City Directory). The Melchers lived here with Mrs. Nellie Hubbard in 1939, Herbert E Muntz, a teacher at the high school from 1940-44 & Mrs. Mae Muntz in 1942 (City Directory). (cont...)

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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