### OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

**1. No.** LOR-1695-21  
**2. County** Lorain  
**3. Location of Negatives** O.H.I.O. Resource Center  
**4. Present Name(s)**  
Von Blum House, Broadwell House  
**5. Historic or Other Name(s)**  
**6. Specific Address or Location**  
39 King Street  
**7. City or Village** Oberlin  
**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**  
**9. U.T.M. Reference**  
Quadangle Name: Oberlin  
**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 Colonial Revival house has a plan that appears to be a late version of the Side Hallway. The main facade features a door to the extreme left, which has windows along the top and molded wood panels. A filled fanlight above the door and brick steps with cement caps leading up to the door extend it, making the feature seem very tall. Two identical eight-over-twelve double hung windows are located at the center and right of the first story. Continued...  
**15. Sources of Information**  
Reeves, Thomas, Interview with Ellen Broadwell, May 2003.; Blodgett, Geoffrey, ‘Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,’ Oberlin College, 1985.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor continued...  
**16. Thematic Associations:**  
Gas, Library, Governmental Administration  
**17. Date(s) or Period**  
1939  
**18. Style or Design**  
Colonial Revival,  
**19a. Design Sources**  
**20. Contractor or Builder**  
**21. Building Type or Plan**  
Side Hallway  
**22. Original Use, if apparent**  
Single Dwelling,  
**23. Present Use**  
Single Dwelling,  
**24. Ownership** Private  
**25. Owner’s Name & Address, if known**  
**26. Property Acreage** .36  
**27. Other Surveys**  
**28. No. of Stories** Two story  
**29. Basement?** Yes  
**30. Foundation Material** Brick bearing  
**31. Wall Construction** Balloon frame/western frame/pla  
**32. Roof Type** Gable with side gable  
**33. No. of Bays** 3  
**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)** Double stretcher Flemish bond  
**35. Plan Shape** L-shaped  
**36. Changes**  
Addition  
Altered  
Moved  
**37. Window Type(s)**  
6 over 6, 1 over 1  
**38. Building Dimensions**  
29 x 28  
**39. Endangered?** By What?  
**40. Chimney Placement** Pared interior ridge  
**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road** Approx. 40’  
**42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)**  
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**43. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)**  
A detached, two-car garage is located behind the house, which is in very good condition. Surrounding homes are also well kept.  
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**46. Prepared By:** Petersen, T Reeves, M Surov  
**47. Organization:** O.H.I.O.  
**48. Date Recorded:** 08/05/2003
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con’t)

Filled fanlights above and the molded wood panels below accentuate their height. The exterior bricks follow the arches of the fanlights. The second story windows are simple six-over-six double hung. Modillions are featured below the roof’s shallow eaves. The south elevation has three six-over-six double hung windows with brick sills. The second story has two of the same windows. The gable has a six-over-six double hung window. The gable also has cornice returns with modillions. At the rear of the house, the one-story addition has wood clapboard siding and a pair of double hung windows. The north elevation has a door near the center of the elevation and a shed hood. Glass panels are in the upper half of the door and molded wood panels are below. Six-over-six double hung and four-over-four double hung windows are left of the door, and a six-over-six double hung window is located to the right. Six-over-six windows are also located above the door to the right, and directly above the door. A one-over-one double hung window is in the left side of the gable. Another smaller window is located in the gable. The one-story addition at the rear of the house has a porch with square supports. The frieze below the porch roof arches between the porch supports.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)

first modern gas station in town; it now houses a Midas Muffler (Blodgett). Hartley and Dorothy’s son, Howard C. Broadwell, was drafted into the military for the Korean War, but wasn’t sent to the front lines. He and his wife Jean bought 39 King from his parents around 1957 and raised their family here (J. Broadwell). Howard was the assistant manager of Janby Oil, and later founded Broadwell Painting with his son, Scott Broadwell. Scott and his wife Ellen Broadwell lived at 170 Hollywood St., but in 1994 they switched houses with Howard and Jean.

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

45. Sources (Con’t)

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