1. No. | LOR-1906-21  
2. County | Lorain  
3. 4. Present Name(s) | Odell-Spelbrink House  
4. Historic Name(s) | Oberlin Dutch Colonial Revival House  
5. Historic or Other Name(s) |  
6. Specific Address or Location |  
7. City or Village | Oberlin  
8. U.T.M. Reference |  
9. Quadrangle Name: | Oberlin  
10. Zone: |  
11. Easting: |  
12. Northing: |  
13. Classification: | Building  
14. On National Register? | NO  
15. Other Designation (NR or Local) |  
16. Thematic Associations: |  
17. Date(s) or Period | c. 1890  
18. Style Class and Design | Dutch Colonial Revival  
19. Architect or Engineer |  
20. Design Sources |  
21. Building Type or Plan | Other House Type  
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 | 0.2  
27. Other Surveys |  
28. No. of Stories | Two story  
29. Basement? | Yes  
30. Foundation Material | Stone bearing  
31. Wall Construction | Balloon/ western/ platform frame  
32. Roof Type | Gambrel  
33. No. of Bays | 3 Side Bays | 2  
34. Exterior Wall Material(s) | Asbestos/ asphalt siding/ Wood shingle  
35. Plan Shape | Rectangular  
37. Window Type(s) | 6 over 1  
38. Building Dimensions | 24' x 42'  
39. Endangered? | NO  
40. Chimney Placement | Off center within ridgeline  
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road | 30' approx  
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continue on Reverse if Necessary)  
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)  
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)  
45. Sources of Information  
46. Prepared By | Patricia Murphy  
47. Organization | Oberlin Heritage Center  
48. Date Recorded | 11/30/2006  
49. PIR Reviewer |  
50. PIR Review Date |  

**The main/ west facade of this Dutch Colonial Revival house features a central entry at the 1st story, which includes a door that has 4 lights in the upper half, & filled panels below. A pediment above the door has cornice returns & decorative brackets. Left of the entry, at the 1st story, a 6/1 double hung window is flanked by 4/1 double hung windows. A pair of 6/1 double hung windows are located right of the entry. 3 6/1 double hung windows are located at the far right of the elevation in a 1- story wing. The 2nd story has pairs of 6/1 double hung windows at the far left & right. Between the 1st & 2nd stories, the asphalt shingles of the side gambrel roof extend around the face of the building. The south elevation displays the roof's steep gambrel gable & features the wing of the house at the first story, which has 2 pairs of 6/1 double hung windows at the left & right. At the 2nd story, a door at the center of the elevation leads to the flat roof of the wing. The door has a 6/1 double hung window to its left & right. A 1/1 double hung window is located in the gable. The north elevation, which faces East Lorain Road, has a porch at the 1st story with a gable roof continued...**

**This house was built at some point probably between 1887 and 1890, when the city directory first lists this address. The first occupants were Thomas and Emma Odell (alt. spelling O'Dell). Mr. Odell was a farmer. They lived at the home with their daughters Ada and Lillie (listed in later telephone directories with a spelling of Lilly). The family lived at the home from 1890-1916. In 1914, the Oberlin News reported that the Odells, 27-year-residents of the city, had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their two daughters were married by then and still both residing in town. By 1920, Frank Spelbrink and his wife, Louise, occupied the home. They lived at the home from 1920 through 1956. Spelbrink was listed as Acting Manager for the Oberlin Gas and Electric Company and later as continued...**

**This house is situated on a corner lot, at the intersection of Park Street and East Lorain Road. Both are residential streets that receive a moderate amount of traffic. A one-car garage, which appears to be original to the house is situated on the lot and contains a pyramidal roof and historic ' barn-style' doors, which are hinged on their outer edges and open outwards.**

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### Site Plan with North Arrow

- **East Lorain**:
  - **Park**:
    - **N**:
      - **Door**: Single centered
      - **Position**: Flush
      - **Orientation**: Lateral axis with smaller lateral extension
      - **Symmetry**: Bilateral symmetry

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**Report Associated With Project:**

**NADB #:**
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

that faces north. Slanted piers support the square posts below the roof. The pier at the porch entry does not have a column sitting on top of it. A wood door is located at the right side of the elevation & it has a square window in the upper third of the door. Two square windows are located at the center & left of the elevation; each has 2 vertical muntins. The 2nd story has 2 6/1 double hung windows. The attic gable has a 1/1 double hung window & a vent at the very top. The east/rear elevation contains a door at the center of the ground level & has 2 square windows to the right, each with 2 vertical muntins & a window to the left. Another door is located in the 2nd story, above the 1st story door. This 2nd story door has a metal awning & stairs leading down to the ground. Pairs of 6/1 double hung windows are located to the left & right of the 2nd story door. The asphalt shingles of the roof extend from the side elevations around to this rear elevation between the 1st & 2nd stories.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Manager for the Ohio Electric Power Co. and praised for his efforts in restoring power after outages and for a spectacular Community Christmas tree in 1924. From 1956-1973, Mrs. Ella Thompson, (widow of Robert) a cook for Oberlin College, resided at the address.

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

45. Sources (Con't)