### Dexter House

**Address:** 20, 22 East Lorain Street

**City:** Oberlin

**Ownership:** Private

**Property Acreage:** .15

**Construction:** Sandstone, Wood Frame

**Foundation:** No Chimney Observed

**Roof:** Hip, Steep

**Exterior Walls:** Wood Frame, Narrow Horizontal Siding

**Windows:** 4 over 2, 1 over 1

**Historical Significance:**

This duplex is symmetrical. Ionic columns support the roof of the large porch. There are four bays on the front of the house: the inside two are doorways into the house, and the outside two are windows. On the second story there are four windows and a small half-circle window in the middle. On the top story, two large wall dormers with cornice returns andgable roofs face the road. They are sided in shaped wood shingles. The sides of the house are simple, with a beltcourse and gable dormers on each side.

**History and Significance:**

This duplex started as a single house, built before 1877. Then, around 1908, the second house was added on, and lived in by a local jeweler, A.F. Meseke, and dentist, James Dexter, and their families. Around 1929, the entire duplex was inhabited by the Hakes family—Miss Mabel Hakes and her brother’s family. They lived there as a family until the mid-1950s. Miss Mabel Hakes was the assistant in the Oberlin College Secretary’s Office. From 1916 to 1919, Fred M. Maddock, later to become a well-known Oberlin historian, resided there.

**Environment and Outbuildings:**

On each side of the house a gravel driveway leads to a garage. The garage on the east side is relatively new, and holds one car. The garage on the west side is older.
51. Condition of Property

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

Date __________

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)
n/a

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

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) __________________________

OAI Completed? __________________________

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