### Ohio Historic Inventory

**Location of Negatives:**
- Roll #: 3
- Exp. #: 14
- Facing: N
- Front
- Roll #: 3
- Exp. #: 15
- Facing: SE
- Rear

**Historic or Other Name(s):**
- Bailey House; Gager House; Daub House

**City or Village:** Oberlin

**Site Plan with North Arrow**

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**U.T.M. Reference**

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**On National Register?**
- No

**Part of Esth Hist Dist?**
- No

**Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)**

**42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features**

This two-story vernacular house possesses some geometrical details vaguely reminiscent of the Eastlake style. The bargeboard spanning the north and east gables and the ornament along the rooflines of the front and side porches translate high style into the local tradition. All of the double hung 1 over 1 windows are topped with rectangular stone lintels. The chimneys lack uniformity in size and time of construction: two on the edge line of the rear wall appear to be later additions due to brick type. Revamped as an office space, a rear addition with wood siding, shed roof, and handicapped ramp were added within the last 15 years.

**History and Significance**

This house was built in 1862 for William Bailey, a shoemaker from Massachusetts. Mr. Bailey and his wife lived in the home, with nine children until 1873. Mr. J.M. Gager bought the house in 1885 (Blodgett). Mr. J.M. Gager was listed as occupant from 1886 to 1902. Mr. Gager was identified in some years as a farmer, and in others as a painter (City Directory). The Gager family occupied the house through 1942. From 1902 through 1931, D.A. Gager, a jeweler, was identified as head of household; from 1933 through 1942 the only name listed was Miss Lola Gager. (cont.)

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)**

Lorain Street is State Route 511, a busy thoroughfare for traffic into and through town. The residential areas are interrupted by commercial buildings and have experienced loss of integrity due to conversions to rental and alterations.

**Sources of Information**

51. Condition of Property

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

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

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53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s)

- [ ]

54. Farmstead Plan

- [ ]

55. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

The college then bought the house (Blodgett) and college librarian Dorothy Daub was identified as occupant through 1961 (City Directories). In the early 1970s the house was threatened with demolition for a parking lot for Mudd Learning Center, but saved through the efforts of citizens (Blodgett). The house now serves as the college office for dining services and college relations.

This house is significant for its long association with Oberlin College. The house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in September of 1975.