**OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY**

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

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5. Historic or Other Name(s) | Comings House

6. Specific Address or Location | 318 West Lorain Street

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number | 0900-074-104-024

7. City or Village | Oberlin

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

9. U.T.M. Reference

Zone | Easting | Northing
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17 | 397108 | 4571964

10. Classification: Building

11. On National Register?

13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?

15. Other Designation (NR or Local)

24. Ownership | Private

25. Owner's Name & Address, if known

26. Property Acreage | unknown

27. Other Surveys

28. No. of Stories | Two story

29. Basement? | Yes

30. Foundation Material | Stone bearing

31. Wall Construction | Balloon frame/western frame/pla

32. Roof Type | Hip

33. No. of Bays | 3

34. Exterior Wall Material(s) | Irregular Side Bays, Wood shingles

35. Plan Shape | T-shaped

36. Changes (Explain in #42) | Addition, Yes, Altered, Moved

37. Window Type(s) | 3 over 1,

38. Building Dimensions | 47 x 26

39. Endangered? | By What?

40. Chimney Placement | Lateral Exterior

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road | Approx. 30'

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

This American Foursquare has a shingled exterior. The full, front porch contains a shingle wall running between the three square supports at each corner. Cement steps and an iron railing lead up to the porch, which has a front gable in its roof. The porch also contains rock-faced ashlar piers at the corners. The door is located at the center of the facade, with pairs of three-over-one windows at each side. At the second story, a two-panel, fixed continued...

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)

Based on city directories, this house was built between 1916-1929. The 1929 directory lists Mrs. M. Davis as the owner. Myrtle & Charles Herman Davis, a carpenter, lived here with their sons William D. & Charles H. until the late 1930s, when Fred Andrew Comings acquired the home between 1938-39. Fred & his wife, Jeanette (nee Inscho) lived here nearly 50 years. Fred attended OHS & the Oberlin School of Commerce. He was a Purple Heart recipient after WWII, & managed the family bookstore, Comings continued...

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

The house includes a detached, two-car garage with a pyramidal roof. The home is in good condition and has a church to its east, and other buildings of various functions nearby on this busy street.

45. Sources of Information


46. Prepared By: Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy

47. Organization: O.H.I.O.
window is located at the center, with three-over-one windows to the left and right. The west elevation features an exterior chimney, with fixed windows below wood awnings at each side of the first story. The second story has a three-over-one window right of the chimney. A door, located at the left side of the original portion of the house contains a shed hood. A fixed five-panel window is located above the door. An addition at the rear of the house has an exterior chimney that does not extend beyond the roof. Also, a sunroom projects from the first story and contains a hip roof and a ribbon of windows. The east elevation contains many windows; all but three of them are three-over-one. The remaining three are glass block, fixed five-panel, and fixed one-panel windows. At the rear portion, both stories are recessed; this may be an addition. The rear (north) elevation contains a door with cement steps at the far right. At the left, a pair of three-over-one windows is located in the first story, with three of the same windows in the second story. This elevation features knee-braces and a louvered vent in the gable.

Book Store with his brother from 1928-1961. In 1961, the store was sold to the Co-op Bookstore, where he continued to work for eight years. He later worked as assistant manager & manager of Oberlin’s Lorain National Bank until his retirement in 1980. He was involved in several Oberlin organizations, including the Rotary, American Legion, Dollars for Scholars, & Public Utilities Commission (O-High Alumni). Fred was also a city councilman & deacon at First Church. Jeanette graduated from the Conservatory & was a saleslady at the Carlyle Gift Shop (City Directory). Fred passed away in 1998; Jeanette continued to live here with their son, Sidney D. Comings, who moved in by the early 1990s. Sid is a graduate of OHS & OC, & has worked as receptionist at the Lorain County Metroparks, an English teacher at LCCC, for the college’s Music department, & the Co-op Bookstore; he also taught high school in Elyria, worked in the Alumni Office at OC, & at NACS (Alumni Directory, Surovy). Jeanette lived here until she moved to Welcome Nursing Home around 2001 (Surovy).

43. History and Significance (Con’t)

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

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