288 N. Main Street

1. No.  LOR-1835-21
2. County  Lorain

4. Present Name(s)

Brown House

5. Historic or Other Name(s)

6. Specific Address or Location

288 N. Main Street

9. U.T.M. Reference

Quadrangle Name: Oberlin

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Zone Easting Northing

10. Classification: Building

11. On National Register?

12. Original Use, if apparent

Single Dwelling,

13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?

14. Architect or Engineer

15. Other Designation (NR or Local)

16. Thematic Associations:

Governmental Administration, Law Office, Semina

17. Date(s) or Period

c. 1891

18. Style or Design

High Style Elements

18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)

19. Architect or Engineer

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

.62

27. Other Surveys

28. No. of Stories

Two story

29. Basement?

30. Foundation Material

Stone bearing

31. Wall Construction

Balloon frame/western frame/plan

32. Roof Type

Gable

33. No. of Bays

2

34. Exterior Wall Material(s)

Clapboard or weatherboard

35. Plan Shape Rectangular

36. Changes

Addition Yes

Altered Yes

Moved

37. Window Type(s)

1 over 1

38. Building Dimensions

18' x 54'

39. Endangered?

By What?

40. Chimney Placement

Center

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road

Dist: 15' & Frontage: 82'

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

This two-story vernacular home was constructed as a side hallway plan. The house is entered from a door located in the far right corner of the front elevation, which also contains two one-over-one, double hung windows. Shutters are beside both of the windows. A screen door is set in front of the wood-paneled door. A full-width covered porch can be entered from the far right by concrete steps. Four small columns support the low-pitched roofed continued...

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

The first known residents at 288 N. Main (76 N. Main until 1894) were Charles S & Sarah E Brown who had at least three children & moved in 1891 (City Directory). Both were graduates of OC's preparatory school. Charles, an attorney, was Oberlin Village clerk from 1895-6 & also sold insurance & real estate before moving to Chicago to work as an advertiser (Holsworth). The Browns stayed until 1895 when Charles & EA Phelps, their son Elgin, and Mrs. Julia Phelps (Charles' mother?) moved in. HS Dye, continued...

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

This house is situated on N. Main St. and is the seventh house from where Union St. intersects into N. Main St. A two-car, gabled roof garage is located behind the house that appears to be built the same as the house since the same materials are used on both. The house is in good condition and is bordered by several homes of the same state.

45. Sources of Information

City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Gordon, Stephen C, 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, 1992.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty continued...

46. Prepared By: Clark, Suroy, Tomazic, Tuohy
47. Organization: O.H.I.O/Oberlin Heritage Center
48. Date Recorded: 08/02/2004
51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Single off center
Door Position: Flush
Orientation: Gable end axis
Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

FOR OHPO USE:
49. Revised By:
50a. Date Revised:
50b. Reviewed by:
RPR Number:

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

porch, which also has a balustrade around the perimeter. The concrete foundation indicates that the porch might have been a later addition since the rest of the house has a stone foundation. Two windows placed next to each other are located in the second story and do not have shutters, but imprints on the wood siding indicate shutters were once there. Shaped wood shingles are located under the steep, gabled roofline on the front elevation. Three windows are located on the north elevation, two at the top and one at the bottom on the right side. The rear one-story section does not contain any windows. The south elevation contains four windows; two on top and two on bottom, all one-over-one, double hung, and a small window located on the rear one-story section. A brick chimney is located in the center of the roofline. According to the Lorain County Auditor's property card, the house contains a full crawl space.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

a laborer, his wife Adaline & daughter Marion lived here from 1897-1900 (Holsworth). Rev. Joseph K Wagner, a graduate of OC Seminary & also a mail carrier lived here with his wife Lillie M, & daughters Ruth & Caroline from about 1902-04. Listed vacant in 1910, this house's next known residents are Fred R. Snyder, his wife Edith & daughter Gladys who are listed in the 1910 city directory. Elmer & Iphigenia Bush, both post office clerks, were living here from at least 1916-20. Walter Garrett, a plasterer, & his wife Vivian were here in 1929; by 1933, Levi Glenn, an employee at OC & his wife Marguerite had moved in. George & Julia Harris were living here from about 1937-39 until Mary Chambers, who did housework, moved in 1940. Archibald R Tuck, a decorator & painter, & his wife Ethel F moved in 1941. They are last listed in 1961 along with Archie Ray and Gwen D Tuck (City Directory).

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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