Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY  
1. No.  
2. County  
3. Location of Negatives  
   Roll #  
   Exp. #  
   Facing  
   Front  
   1  
   9  
   E  
Rear  
   2  
   13  
   NW  
4. Present Name(s)  
   Cole Accounting  
5. Historic or Other Name(s)  
   Carter & Wood Hardware; Carter & Huckins Hardware; Huckins & Huckins Hardware; Oberlin Hardware Co.  
6. Specific Address or Location  
   13 South Main Street  
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number  
09-00-086-102-005  
7. City or Village  
   Oberlin  
8. Site Plan with North Arrow  
9. U.T.M. Reference  
   Quadrange Name  
   Zone  
   Easting  
   Northing  
10. Structure  
   Building  
11. On National Register?  
   no  
12. N.R. Potential?  
   no  
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist?  
   no  
14. Dist. Potential?  
   yes  
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)  
16. Thematic Association(s)  
   Commerce  
17. Date(s) or Period  
   1882  
18. Style or Design  
   Commercial/Chicago Style  
18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)  
   Elements  
19. Architect or Engineer  
   Walter Blythe, Cleveland  
19a. Design Sources  
20. Contractor or Builder  
21. Building Type or Plan  
   Other Building  
22. Original Use, if apparent  
   Retail, Hardware  
23. Present Use  
   Service  
24. Ownership  
   Public  
   Private  
25. Owner’s Name & Address, if known  
26. Property Acreage  
   .059  
27. Other Surveys in Which Included  
   Dobson-Brown (92)  
28. No. of Stories  
   3  
29. Basement?  
   Yes  
30. Foundation Material  
   Stone  
31. Wall Construction  
   Brick Bearing  
32. Roof:  
   Type  
   Other Roof Type  
   Pitch  
   Material  
   Tar  
33. No. Bays Front  
   Side  
34. Exterior Wall Material(s)  
   Brick, Common/American Bond  
35. Plan Shape  
   Rectangular  
36. Changes (Explain in #42)  
37. Window Type(s)  
   Other  
   22 ft. X 116  
39. Endangered?  
   no  
   Explain:  
40. Chimney Placement  
   Lateral Wall Flush  
41a. Distance from road  
   10  
41b. Frontage on road  
   22  
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features  
   A three story brick structure with masonry bands at sill level. Rectangular 1/1 windows above second and third stories.  
   First floor has altered storefront with recessed entrance and transom. The cornice is bracketed pressed metal.  
   The building has been painted to resemble the building to the north, but it is a deeper, stand-alone building.  
43. History and Significance  
   After the fire of March 1882 destroyed this section of downtown, the owner of this lot entered into an agreement with  
   the owner of the lot to the north. The agreement stated that the wall between the two parties would be a common  
   wall, and that the owner of the north wall would construct his south wall so that the center would be on the line  
   dividing the two properties. The owners of this lot, O.F. Carter and John Wood, had the right to construct their  
   building using the common wall as their north wall. (cont.)  
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)  
   The building to the north anchors the principal intersection of the downtown commercial district. That intersection  
   leads the pedestrian from College Street to South Main; these are the two principal blocks of the historic downtown  
   district.  
45. Sources of Information  
   Fred Maddock Files at O.H.I.O. Resource Center and Oberlin College Archives; Lorain County Courthouse tax  
   records; “Oberlin Architecture” G. Blodgett; Oberlin H.P.C. files.
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

43. History and Significance (Continued from page 1.)

When Carter and Wood opened their hardware store in November 1882 it was a celebrated community event. The building had the town's first elevator which could take customers from the basement to the third floor. The site was a hardware store, with varied owners, for over 100 years from 1850 until the 1960s.