OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. 2. County 3. Location of Negatives 4. Present Name(s)

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5. Historic or Other Name(s)

6. Specific Address or Location
23 South Main Street

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number
09-00-086-102-010

7. City or Village
Oberlin

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

9. U.T.M. Reference

10. Site

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)

17. Date(s) or Period
1874

17b. Alteration Date(s)

18. Style or Design
No academic style - vernacular

18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)

19. Architect or Engineer

19a. Design Sources
do bson-Brown (92)

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Building Type or Plan
Other

22. Original Use, if apparent

23. Present Use

24. Ownership
Public

25. Owner’s Name & Address, if known

26. Property Acreage
.063

27. Other Surveys in Which Included
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28. No. of Stories
2

29. Basement?
Yes

30. Foundation Material
Stone

31. Wall Construction
Brick

32. Roof:

33. No. Bays Front 2 Side

34. Exterior Wall Material(s)
Brick, Common/American Bond

35. Plan Shape
L-Shaped

36. Changes (Explain in #42)
Altered

37. Window Type(s)

22 ft. X 97 ft.

39 Endangered?
No

40. Chimney Placement
No Chimney Observed

41a. Distance from road
13 ft.

41b. Frontage on road
22 ft.

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features

Two-story commercial structure with 1950s modernization of metal panel grill over entire second floor. Plate glass storefront sign is inset running entire length of facade. Entryway is aluminum and glass, on the north side of the facade.

43. History and Significance

This two-story structure was probably built by Mr. Westervelt; it was sold to Mr. Watson in 1927. The building has a storefront on the street side as well as a 10 foot wider room at the alley side of the building. In the rear section Crane’s Cabinet Shop operated for several years in the late 1870s. Businesses have included bakeries, restaurants and grocers. In June 1942, the Oberlin Consumers Cooperative opened here. The front portion was a co-op grocery, the rear was divided between a bookstore and a dry cleaner. The co-op moved out in 1952. (cont.)

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

This building is centrally located in the busy business district of downtown Oberlin.

45. Sources of Information
Fred Maddock files at O.H.I.O. Resource Center and Oberlin College Archives; Lorain County Courthouse tax records; Oberlin H.P.C.; “A Brief History of the Oberlin Consumers Co-operative and its Business,” Albert J. McQueen.

46. Prepared by

47. Organization
O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.

48. Date Recorded
12/12/1998

49 Revised by

50a. Date Revised

50b. Reviewed by
51. Condition of Property

- Excellent
- Ruin
- Good/Fair
- Destroyed/Burned
- Deteriorated

Date ____________

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

- Barn Type(s)
- Corn Crib or Shed
- Summer Kitchen
- Silo
- Smoke House
- Spring House
- Ice House
- Designed Landscape Features
- Privy
- Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) ____________________________

OAI Completed? __________________

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54. Farmstead Plan

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

43. History and Significance (Continued from page 1)

In 1949 James F. (Bill) Long was hired to run the cooperative; over the years many different lines of merchandise were tried.