OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. LOR-1846-21
2. County Lorain

4. Present Name(s)
Wheeler-Holl House

5. Historic or Other Name(s)

6. Specific Address or Location
380 S. Main Street

7. City or Village
Oberlin

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

Lincoln St.

Smith St.

S. Main St.

9. U.T.M. Reference
Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
17 398004 4570713
Zone Easting Northing

10. Classification: Building

11. On National Register?

12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?

13. Other Designation (NR or Local)

14. Location of Negatives
O.H.I.O.

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15. Sources of Information
City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml, Accessed 2004.; ‘How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,’ Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, continued...

16. Thematic Associations:
COMMERCe.,

17. Date(s) or Period
C. 1898

17b. Alteration Date(s)
1991

18. Style or Design
No academic style - Vernacular,

18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)
High Style

19. Architect or Engineer

19a. Design Sources

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Building Type or Plan
Other House Type

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 .76

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 Cross gable

33. No. of Bays 2

34. Exterior Wall Material(s)
Aluminum or vinyl siding

35. Plan Shape Rectangular

36. Changes
Addition Yes
Altered Yes
Moved

37. Window Type(s)
1 over 1, Altered

38. Building Dimensions
24' x 52'

39. Endangered?
By What?

40. Chimney Placement
Lateral Exterior

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
Dist: 30' & Frontage: 100'

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

This vernacular house has a porch at the right two-thirds of the first story and a large double hung window is located left of the porch; the window's upper pane is about one-third the size of its lower pane. Above the window, in the second story, is a one-over-one double hung window. A vent is located in the attic gable. The porch has square supports and a wall covered in aluminum siding. Cement steps lead up the porch and have a metal rail. The continued...

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

Despite the Lorain County Auditor’s Property Card’s indication that this house was built in 1945, it was probably actually built about 1898, perhaps by Elmer Wheeler, a carpenter & the first known resident. In appearance may be deceptive due to remodeling, most recently in 1991 (City Directory, Property Card). In addition to Elmer was his wife Lillie & their children Bertha, Rhessha, & Alfred. The family stayed through about 1904. Mrs Lavina Howk, Governess of Boys at the Children's Home was continued...

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

The house is in stable condition and is located on a state route in Oberlin. This house also has a garage which may have historical or architectural significance, and which has been photographed. The negatives are located at O.H.I.O./Oberlin Heritage Center.

45. Prepared By: Clark, Surovy, Tomazic, Tuohey
46. Date Recorded: 08/02/2004

47. Organization: O.H.I.O./Oberlin Heritage Center
51. Condition of Property: **Good/Fair**

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

**Historic Garage**

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

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**Door Selection:** Single off center

**Door Position:** Recessed

**Orientation:** Gable with two story same height

**Symmetry:** Bilateral asymmetry

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

The door is situated on an angle, near the center of the elevation with a double hung window to the right. The window to the right of the door also has a smaller upper pane than lower pane. A smaller, one-over-one double hung replacement window is located in the second story. The far left side of the second story juts out above the first story's cut-away bay. The front-facing gable in the left half of the elevation has cornice returns. The north elevation has a large one-over-one double hung window at the first story and a smaller window to its right. The second story features two one-over-one double hung windows. The first story addition at the rear has two one-over-one double hung windows. The south elevation contains additions. Two one-over-one double hung replacement windows are located in the first story, and are separated by the brick chimney. The second story has small, sliding windows.

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**History and Significance (Con't)**

Living here in 1908 (City Directory, Holsworth). Edwin A Wood, a house carpenter was here with his wife Lucy B & son Lawrence B in 1910 but by 1916 LC Coates was the resident listed in the Oberlin City Directory (Holsworth). George Hallauer, a stock dealer, is listed as the owner in the 1920 City Directory & was living here with his wife Mary & renters Harold Dunlap, a machinist at General Phone Co, his wife Dorothy, & their child. Harold V Holl, his wife Elizabeth Uldine Holl, & Helen Holl (probably an older relative of Harold) were living here by 1927. Uldine was a teacher. Harold started out as a clerk before becoming a proprietor of Reighly & Holl Meat Market at 16 S Main & later working at Dairy Service Co, as a guard at Western Automatic, & then as an office recorder. The Holl's lived here through 1961. In that year's city directory, Harold is listed with a different wife, Eleanor M, a registered nurse. By 1970, Elaine & Frank E Clymer & their two children had moved in. Elaine was a secretary at Prospect school & Frank was a supervisor at OC (City Directory). The Clymer's lived here until 1985.

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