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

4. Present Name(s) 

Grandison House, Bails House

5. Historic or Other Name(s) 

6. Specific Address or Location 
167 Morgan Street

7. City or Village 
If Rural, Township & Vicinity
Oberlin

8. Site Plan with North Arrow 

9. U.T.M. Reference 

Quadrangle Name: 
Oberlin

10. Classification: 
Building

11. On National Register? 

12. Part of Established Hist. Dist? 

13. Other Designation (NR or Local) 

14. No. of Stories 
One and a half story

15. Thematic Associations: 
Grocery, College

16. Date(s) or Period 
1885

17. Alteration Date(s) 
c. 1986

18. Style or Design 
Stick, Eastlake

19. Architect or Engineer 
John Decker

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 
.42

27. Other Surveys 

28. Basement? 
Yes

29. Foundation Material 
Stone bearing

30. Wall Construction 
Concrete block

31. Roof Type 
Gable with side gables

32. Roof Material 
Asphalt shingle

33. No. of Bays 
3

34. Exterior Wall Material(s) 
Clapboard or weatherboard

35. Plan Shape 
Irregular

36. Changes 
Addition

37. Window Type(s) 
1 over 1,

38. Building Dimensions 
45 x 28

39. Endangered? 
By What?

40. Chimney Placement 
Off center within roof surface

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 
Approx. 35'

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

This house is an example of a Stick style cottage. A pair of narrow doors is located at the center of the main facade. The doors have molded wood panels, which arch at the tops. Wood steps and balustrade lead to the entry. Decorative knee braces support a shed hood above the door. One-over-one windows to the left and right of the entry have smaller hoods above them and decorative knee braces. The clapboard siding directly above and below the continued...

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

John Decker built this house in the fall of 1885 for one of his craftsmen, Alexander Grandison (Blodgett 132). John Decker and Alexander Grandison were involved in building Peters, Talcott, and Baldwin Halls at OC (Blodgett 132). The next resident of the house was Thomas Bails and his family (City Directory). Thomas Bails was a grocer in Oberlin until about 1909 when he sold his grocery to F.T. Waters (Oberlin News). Thomas died in a hit and run accident in 1917, but the Bails family lived in continued...

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

The house is well-maintained and is situated in a residential neighborhood of other homes in good condition. A detached, two-car garage is located behind the home, which is in excellent condition, and is much newer than the house. The original carriage house collapsed in the late 1970s.

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

windows, as well as above the door, runs diagonally. Vertical clapboard siding runs approximately 2 feet down along the steeply pitched gable that marks the central entry. The gable has decorative bracing and knee braces. A small awning window is situated above the entry’s hood. The west elevation has one-over-one windows to the left at the first and second stories, each with small hoods above them. The one-story addition at the far left has a rectangular window, flat roof, and modern concrete block foundation. The east elevation includes an entry near the center with a door that faces the front elevation. A square, projecting bay at the right has a slightly mansard roof and a one-over-one window with a small railing on top of the roof. A one-over-one window is in the second story, within a gable that has decorative bracing. A one-story addition at the left has a one-over-one window and a flat roof, which enclosed the former side porch during the Richards’ occupancy of the house. Another addition extends from the far left corner with a polygonal, gazebo-style roof; this addition was added in the late 1980s, just after the Bradfords moved into the house.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

this house until about 1959 when Bertha Bails passed away (Blodgett 132). The house was then purchased by Oberlin College and rented out to faculty until about 1975 (Blodgett 132). According to local historian Prue Richards, OC professor of math George Andrews rented the house, as did Peter & Jodi Richards. The Richards purchased the house around 1974 from the college & sold it in 1986.

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

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