City Manager’s House-Waterworks House  

Sanders House-Waterworks House  

**1. No.** LOR-1738-21  
**2. County** Lorain  
**3. Location of Negatives** O.H.I.O. Resource Cen  
**4. Present Name(s)**  
City Manager’s House-Waterworks House  
**5. Historic or Other Name(s)**  
Sanders House-Waterworks House  

**6. Specific Address or Location**  
205 Morgan Street  

**7. City or Village** Oberlin  
**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**  

**9. U.T.M. Reference**  

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**10. Classification:** Building  
**11. On National Register?**  
**12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?**  
**13. Other Designation (NR or Local)**  

**14. Present or Historic Name(s)**  

**15. Historic or Other Name(s)**  

**16. Thematic Associations:**  
Water, Governmental Administration, College  

**17. Date(s) or Period**  
c. 1887  

**17b. Alteration Date(s)**  
**18. Style or Design**  
High Style  

**18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)**  
No academic style - Vernacular, Elements  

**19. Architect or Engineer**  
**19a. Design Sources**  
**20. Contractor or Builder**  
**21. Building Type or Plan**  
Gabled Ell  

**22. Original Use, if apparent**  
Single Dwelling, , ,  

**23. Present Use**  
Single Dwelling, ,  

**24. Ownership** Public  

**25. Owner's Name & Address, if known**  
City of Oberlin  

**26. Property Acreage**  
8.89  

**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** 4  

**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)**  
Wood shingles  

**35. Plan Shape** Rectangular  

**36. Changes**  
Addition Yes, Altered Moved  

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

**38. Building Dimensions**  
38 x 30  

**39. Endangered?**  
By What?  

**40. Chimney Placement**  
Center  

**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 a Gabled Ell plan, vernacular style house. The front-facing gabled portion at the right has two one-over-one windows with shutters at the first and second stories. The gable has a bull's eye decorative element along the roofline and a louvered vent in the gable. The porch, located in the L, has simple supports that are probably not original. The door at the right side of the porch has one-over-one windows with shutters to its continued...  

**43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)**  
This house, situated next to the original Oberlin water works, was likely here when the water works was built in the 1880s. By 1887, Mrs. L.A. Saunders owned the house; in 1890, Miss L.A. Sanders, probably the same person, was listed here with S. Sanders (City Directory). A year later, Mrs. J.C. Fox & her children Bert D, Cora & Clara moved in briefly (City Directory). Henry William Braithwaite, an engineer at the water works, lived here by 1894 (City Directory). In 1892 he married Viola E. continued...  

**44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)**  
A tall, wood privacy fence encloses the perimeter of the rear yard.  

**45. Sources of Information**  
'General Catalog of Oberlin College: 1833-1908,' 523.; Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property continued...  

**46. Prepared By:** Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy  
**47. Organization:** O.H.I.O.  
**48. Date Recorded:** 08/19/2003
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51. Condition of Property: Excellent
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Single centered
Door Position: Flush
Orientation: Gable with two story same height
Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

54. Farmstead Plan

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)

left. Decorative exposed rafters and knee braces are situated below the eaves. The east elevation includes a screened-in portion at the left with contemporary steps leading up to the door. A one-over-one window at the right has shutters, as does the pair in the second story. The gable has decorative knee braces and a bull’s eye pattern along the gable. The west elevation, first story features a pair of one-over-one windows with shutters at the right side of the original portion. A single one-over-one window with shutters is above in the second story. A one-story addition is at the rear.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)

Stone, & may have moved to this house (Holsworth). Henry & Viola adopted a baby boy, Floyd, in 1895 (Holsworth). Around 1904, a clerk named Gilbert Johns & his wife Cora resided with the Braithwaites before moving around 1907 (City Directory). Henry Braithwaite worked at the water works until 1906, when the Oberlin News printed his letter of resignation & a report that he had taken a position at the Ice and Cold Storage Co. (Oberlin News). In 1908, Henry, who had been elected a city councilman, & his family moved to a house down the street (City Directory). James Caldwell McCullough occupied the house in 1908 (City Directory, Holsworth). James had just begun teaching chemistry at Oberlin College in 1907 & married Mary Uel Parsons after her graduation from OC that year (Alumni Register, Holsworth). The McCulloughs’ children were Katherine Caldwell & Uel Parsons (O-High Alumni).

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