**LOR-1740-21**

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**2. County** Lorain

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

**Roll No.** 8

**Picture No.(s)** 35,36

**4. Present Name(s)**

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

**Lyman House**

**6. Specific Address or Location**

239 Morgan Street

**7. City or Village** Oberlin

**6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number** 0900-095-101-012

**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**

**8a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)**

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

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

**Quadrangle Name:** Oberlin

**Zone Easting Northing**

17 397306 4571101

**10. Classification:** Building

**11. On National Register?**

**12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?**

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**15. Other Designation (NR or Local)**

**14. Present Name(s)**

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**16. Thematic Associations:**

MANUFACTURING/INDUSTRIAL, World War I, Temp

**17. Date(s) or Period** c. 1880-87

**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**

Other House Type

**21b. Alteration**

Addition Yes

**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** .24

**27. Other Surveys**

**28. No. of Stories**

Two story

**29. Basement?** Yes

**30. Foundation Material**

Poured concrete

**31. Wall Construction**

Balloon frame/western frame/pla

**32. Roof Type**

Gable

**32b. Roof Material**

Asphalt shingle

**33. No. of Bays**

2

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

Wood shingles

**35. Plan Shape** L-shaped

**36. Changes**

Addition Yes Altered Moved

**37. Window Type(s)**

2 over 2, 1 over 1

**38. Building Dimensions**

44 x 24

**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)**

The main facade of this modest Victorian-era house has an entry at the left, marked by a front-facing gable. The door has a simple entablature and is flanked by arched windows. The door has three lights in the top and molded wood panels below. The right side of the exterior has a slightly Italianate, polygonal bay at the first story with three one-over-one windows and brackets below the roof. The second story has a pair of narrow, one-over-one continuing...

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

This house was built c. 1880-87 for Benjamin Lyman & family. In 1880, Lyman is listed at an unidentified address on Morgan as a day laborer; the location is not given this address until 1887 (City Directory). He also worked as a mechanic, teamster, & at Cole & Thompson (City Directory). Ben’s brother was Ansel Lyman, a participant in the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue (Oberlin News). Ben Lyman reportedly stirred up trouble through drunken disorderliness & furnishing liquor in 1882 & 1891, continued...

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

**45. Sources of Information**


**46. Prepared By:** Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy

**47. Organization:** O.H.I.O.

**48. Date Recorded:** 08/19/2003
Lyman House

51. Condition of Property: Excellent

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

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)

...windows with a decorative pediment above. The west elevation has two-over-two windows at the first and second stories, although the second story windows are smaller than the first. The east elevation has two two-over-two windows at the first story. At the left side of the elevation, the roof extends over the attached garage. A hip dormer in the roof has three one-over-one double hung windows.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

...respectively (Oberlin News). Ben lived here with his 2nd wife, Margetta & his sister Julia Lyman (City Directory, Holsworth) until their deaths in 1922 & 1916, respectively (Westwood). Children from Benjamin’s 1st marriage to Eva Lampman, who died in 1885 (Oberlin News), likely here; they were Lottie A, Ernest M, & Nettie (City Directory, Holsworth). Children from Ben’s 2nd marriage, with Margetta were Mary & Fred. Fred was drafted by the military in 1918 (Oberlin News). Grace Lyman also lived here; her relation is unknown. Ben lived here through 1927, 5 years before his death (City Directory, Westwood). By 1929, William & Mary Dewey lived here with their child (City Directory). The house was vacant in 1933 (City Directory). William Dewey was once charged with stealing chickens & fined $20 for costs incurred when he was found drunk (Oberlin News). From 1935-37, a carpenter/contractor named Perry Guy Worcester lived here with his wife, Emily Corning (City Directory); they lived here approx. until Perry’s death in 1938 (Westwood) at age 75. Perry was proprietor of Worcester Dairy on Carpenter Court, which claimed to have equipment among the best (cont...)

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