1. No.  LOR-1913-21
2. County  Lorain
3. Location  Brinsmade-Kinsey House
4. Present Name(s)  Lorain
5. Historic or Other Name(s)  Brinsmade-Kinsey House
6. Specific Address or Location  29 Morgan
7. City or Village  Oberlin
8. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name  Oberlin
9. Quadrangle Name  17 397944 457121
10. Classification  Building
11. On National Register?  NO
12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?  NO
13. Other Designation (NR or Local)  
14. Thematic Associations:  
   Sports  
   College  
   Telephone/Telegraph  
15. Date(s) or Period  1870s
16. Style Class and Design  Dominant: Italianate
17. Style Class and Design  18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)  
18. Architect or Engineer  
19. Design Sources  
20. Contractor or Builder  
21. Building Type or Plan  Single Dwelling
22. Original Use, if apparent  
23. Present Use  Single Dwelling
24. Ownership  Private
25. Owner's Name & Address, if known  
26. Property Acreage  0.45
27. Other Surveys  
28. No. of Stories  Two story
29. Basement?  Yes
30. Foundation Material  Unknown
31. Wall Construction  Balloon/western/platform frame
32. Roof Type  Hip
33. Roof Material  Asphalt shingle
34. Exterior Wall Material(s)  
35. Plan Shape Square
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:  
   17a. Original/Most significant construct 
   17b. Substantial alteration/addition
37. Window Type(s)  6 over 1
38. Building Dimensions  38' x 34'
39. Endangered?  NO By What?  
40. Chimney Placement  
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road  35' approx
42. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)  
   1. Built in the mid-to late 1860s, this house was first occupied by dentist J.W. McDowal (alt. spelling 'McDowell'). McDowal appears to have stayed in Oberlin only briefly, and by 1877, the Brinsmade family, consisting of Alonzo S. Brinsmade, his wife Abigail (nee Cole), and their five children, Addison Montgomery, Harry L., Charles Alanson, Grace Alma, and Ildah M., resided here. The eldest two Brinsmade sons appear to have gone straight into business; the next two children studied at the Oberlin College Preparatory Department, and the youngest attended Oberlin High School. Alonzo died of typhoid in 1885, and many of the children married or moved away from Oberlin for business purposes. Abigail and her youngest daughter Ildah, who worked as a telegraph operator and, later, a domestic continued...
43. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)  
44. Sources of Information  
45. Date Recorded:  
46. Prepared By:  
47. Organization:  
48. Date Recorded:  
49. PIR Reviewer:  
50. PIR Review Date:
science teacher, continued their residence here until Abigail’s death in late 1917. In the late 1920s, the residents were Charles P. Parkhurst, a traveling salesman, and his son, Charles P. Parkhurst, Jr., who graduated from Oberlin High School in 1931. Charles Sr.’s second wife, Elva Catherine Parkhurst (nee Reh), whom he married in 1929 after being widowed in 1925, also lived here. In the early 1930s, Daniel C. Kinsey, his wife Dorothy, and their children lived in this house. In 1924, Daniel had won the 100-meter hurdles event in the Olympics, setting a new Olympic record of fifteen seconds flat. In Oberlin, Daniel was an Oberlin College masters student, completing his degree in physical education while serving as an instructor in the men's physical education department. After receiving his master’s degree, he became a professor of physical education and coached numerous athletic teams, including cross-country, track and field, swimming, wrestling, and fencing, and was an active leader in a number of College and community groups, including the Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association, the Oberlin Recreation Committee, the American Olympians, the Boy Scouts, and the NCAA Cross Country Association. From the late 1930s until 1942, the Chris Oliver family lived in this house. Chris worked for Oberlin College, his wife Sadie was a secretary, and their daughter Shirley was an Oberlin High School student with the class of 1941. The house stood vacant in 1943 and 1944; the next known resident, in 1948, was Gerald E. Stang, with wife Doris and their two children. In 1956, Robert A. and Nancy Coinman and Emmett Thompson lived here. In the early 1960s, Virgil, a machinist for Ridge Tool, and Alma Wilson resided here. During the mid to late 1990s, C.R. Charlton was resident.

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


45. Sources (Con’t)