### Ohio Historic Inventory

**Title:** Brown-Rice-Bedell House  
**Address:** 240 Oak

**1. No.** LOR-1917-21  
**2. County:** Lorain  
**3. Historical Name(s):** Brown-Rice-Bedell House  
**4. Present Name(s):** Brown-Rice-Bedell House  
**5. Historic or Other Name(s):** Brown-Rice-Bedell House  
**6. Specific Address or Location:** 240 Oak  
**6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number:** 0900085103034  
**7. City or Village:** Oberlin  
**9. U.T.M. Reference:**  
- Quadrangle Name: Oberlin  
- Zone: Northing  
- Zone: Easting  
**10. Classification:** Building  
**11. On National Register?** NO  
**12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?** NO  
**13. Other Designation (NR or Local):**  
**14. RPR Number:**  
**15. Thematic Associations:** Visual Arts  
**16. Textiles/Clothing:** EDUCATION  
**17. Date(s) of Period:** c. 1894  
**18. Style Class and Design:**  
- Dominant Element: No academic style - Vernacular  
- Style of Addition or Elements(s):  
- Architect or Engineer:  
**19. Architect or Engineer:**  
**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:** 0.25  
**27. Other Surveys:**  
**28. No. of Stories:** 2 story  
**29. Basement?:** Yes  
**30. Foundation Material:** Stone bearing  
**31. Wall Construction:** Balloon/western/platform frame  
**32. Roof Type:** Gable  
**33. No. of Bays:** 3  
**34. Exterior Wall Material(s):** Aluminum or vinyl siding  
**35. Plan Shape:** Rectangular  
**36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:**  
**37. Window Type(s):** 2 over 2  
**38. Building Dimensions:** 28' x 59'  
**39. Endangered?** NO  
**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road:** 35' approx  
**40. Chimney Placement:** Center  
**42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features:**  
### Additional Notes:
*Italianate elements accentuate this front gable house. A centrally located bay window in the south-facing front gable is topped by a polygonal hood covered in asphalt shingles, supported by decorative wood brackets. The bay consists of three narrow 1/1 windows. Directly above in the second story are a pair of 1/1 double hung windows, flanked by shutters and topped by an asphalt-shingled triangular hood. To the right of the front gable is a deeply recessed porch with a flat asphalt roof. One decorative wooden post supports the porch, which is framed by a wooden balustrade. No windows face east in the two-story front gable portion; the east elevation is instead dominated by the one-story right wing, which contains two 2/2 double hung windows. Of these windows, one at the right is smaller than the other. The two-story portion of the west elevation has two 2/2 double hung windows in the first story and two in the second; all have shutters. A small one-story back wing connects to a back addition, with a more recent concrete foundation, which juts out a few feet from the house in the west and contains one south-facing 2/2 double hung window. The western wing continued...|

### Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)
*This house was built around 1894 for Mrs. M. E. Brown, who lived here with L. K. & H. W. Brown, presumably her children. The house quickly changed owners, as Frank Ehrhardt is listed here in the later city directory for 1894 (earlier that year Frank was listed at 27 S Main as a tailor, living with his wife, Mary & daughter Lizzie). By 1895, Noah Calvin Hirschy, an OC seminary student & later president of Redfield College in SD, lived here with his wife, Augusta (nee Hunsberger). The Hirschs lived here through 1897. In 1902 Mrs. Matilda Deacon is listed here with her daughter Elizabeth. By 1904, the Thomas J. Rice family moved in, & lived here through 1943. Thomas was a photographer who bought the Upton Photograph Gallery in 1894; his gallery, Rice Studio, was located on the 2nd floor of continued...|

### Sources of Information
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**Report Associated With Project:**

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

Elevation of this addition has a side door and additional window.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

35-37 W College for over 30 years. He also used this office for his real estate business. Thomas was married to Amy S. & their children were John Franklin, Minta Lee, Helen M, & Mary. John lived here through the early 1940s, & attended the OC conservatory to become a music teacher. By 1948, the occupants were Clark D. & Rose W. Moore. Clark was the superintendent of schools in Spencer, OH & Rose was a teacher at Prospect School (Oberlin). By 1956, Charles A. & Rose M. Bedell moved into the house. The Bedells lived here through 1973 with their son, Charles, Jr., a county probation officer. Charles, Sr. was a teacher & guidance counselor at OHS & Rose was an office assistant at OC.

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

45. Sources (Con't)