42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features
This lean, two-story Italianate Style house with Eastlake elements has a truncated hip roof covered in tar-coated slate shingles. Superficial gables above the bracketed cornice have inserts of decorative fretwork that agree with the ornament of the rest of the house. The double doors of the front entrance have a rectangular transom window and doors. Above each double-hung window there is a broken pediment with finial, except for a modern casement window added to a second story bathroom off-center over the front door. The rear wing is slightly less ornamented with one-story (cont.)

43. History and Significance
Built in 1883 for insurance agent E.W. Chamberlain, this house was unusual for Oberlin from the day it was built. The local newspaper referred to it as one of the “…recent structures with their superfluity of gingerbread work” (Blodgett). E.W. Chamberlain and his wife occupied the house from 1886-1891; in 1894 there was no occupant name listed. In 1895 through 1902 John R. Payne, a granite dealer, his wife Mrs. Ida Payne, and Althea A. and Jennie F. (through 1899) were listed as occupants. In 1907 John R. Payne sold the house to Charles F. Blodgett. In 1904 Mrs. S. Boynton was listed as occupant. In 1907 the family of A.J. Kelly (cont.)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)
This 19th century residential street has many excellent homes on it, but historic integrity is threatened by rehabilitations, conversions to rental and the 20th century demolition of homes on the west side of the street for expanded school athletic fields.

45. Sources of Information
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

and a hip roof. The north side of the house has a small side porch with square posts supporting arches and a finely detailed bracketed cornice.

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was listed as occupants and they remained in the house through 1942. Mr. Kelley was identified as a laborer, painter and janitor; wife Lizzie was with him through 1935. In 1956 Bonifat Barnaj was listed as occupant.

This house is significant for its architecture; while there are many Italianate structures in the community, the decorative Eastlake details of this building are unique in Oberlin. This house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in 1978.