**Ohio Historic Inventory**

**Address:** 225 S. Pleasant St.

**City or Village:** Oberlin

**County:** Lorain

**Location of Negatives:** O.H.I.O

**Present Name(s):** Shanks-Wall-Wahl House

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**Thematic Associations:**
- New York Central, College,
- High Style

**Date(s) or Period:**
- 1894

**Style or Design:**
- Italianate

**Building Type or Plan:**
- Side Hallway

**Number of Stories:**
- 2

**Original Use, if apparent:**
- Single Dwelling

**Property Acreage:**
- .25

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**History and Significance:**

This two story, side hallway Italianate home can be entered from an eight-paned door located on the right side of the front elevation. Two one-over-one, double-hung windows are situated on the left side. Most of the windows on the house are one-over-one, double-hung and adorned with a triangular pediment. Many of the windows appear to be replacements. Stone steps lead up to the full-width covered porch that is supported by three columns. A continued... 

This house was probably built about 1894. The first resident seems to be George Shanks, a tinner with Huckins & Huckins, a plumber, steamfitter, furnace repairman, & Slater, who probably moved into the house in 1894, the same year he married his wife Lena (Holsworth). The y had one child, Estella. After George's death in 1931, Lena stayed on until about 1935 when Eleanor & Ray Grundy, an employee at Oberlin Elevator Co, moved in. By 1939, John W Wall, a nephew of George Shanks, was living here continued...

The house is situated on east side of S. Pleasant St. and is the third house from the intersection of Edison St. and S. Pleasant St. A garage is not located on the property. The house is in a state of disrepair, but is surrounded by homes that have been well maintained.

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**Sources of Information:**

- City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center
- Gordon, Stephen C, 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, 1992
- Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database
- Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record
- Internet, http://www.loraincounty.org

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1. No. LOR-1856-21  2. County Lorain  4. Present Name(s)

3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.  5. Historic or Other Name(s) Shanks-Wall-Wahl House

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51. Condition of Property: Deteriorated

55. Farmstead Plan

| Door Selection: Single off center |
| Door Position: Flush |
| Orientation: Lateral axis |
| Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry |

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

balustrade runs along the perimeter of the porch. Brackets and bracketed cornices, typical of the Italianate style, are located under the low-pitched, pyramidal roof. The south elevation appears to contain several windows and a small covered porch with an entrance into the house. The south elevation is obscured by a lot of foliage. A bay window situated on the stone foundation is located on the north elevation and contains three windows and decorative brackets at the top. Another window is to the left of the bay window and two windows are located above these in the second story. The north elevation indicates a rear one-story addition that contains two windows with a door in the middle and a flat roof that begins to slope upward. A brick chimney is located in the center of the house.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

with his wife Miriam & their four children. John had a variety of jobs, working at Superior Cleaner, moth-proofing, & being a watchman & baggage agent at NYC Railroad (City Directory). John W Wall Jr. stayed with his parents through at least 1961 as he served in the Air Force & later worked at OC. The 1970 city directory lists Annabelle & William Wahl, a foundry worker. The Wahls continued to own this house until 2003.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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