**Broadwell-Lay House**

- **Historic or Other Name(s):** Broadwell-Lay House

**Description:**

This two-story home is classified as an American Foursquare due to its nearly square floor plan and low pyramidal hipped roof. The front elevation contains a door located on the left side that is flush with the exterior wall while a one-over-one double hung window rests on the other side. Directly above the door and window, two more windows are situated in the second story. Stone steps located in front of the door lead up to the three-post, continued...

**History and Significance:**

This house was built around the turn of the 20th century, and in 1902 the city directories list Permelia Lay, a teacher, living here on the south side of Union St. and N. Professor St. The house has been well maintained and is surrounded by other houses in fair condition.

**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.loraincount
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51. Condition of Property:  Good/Fair

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

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

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)

covered porch that spans the width of the house. Three dormers are nestled in the roof, on the front, west and east elevations. The dormers contain one small awning or hopper window and their roofs echo the hip form of the main roof as the porch roof does too. From the front elevation, a small-enclosed porch is recessed back on the west elevation, most likely a later addition. Stone steps lead up to a door on the front elevation and one-over-one, double hung windows wrap around the porch. Three windows of the same type are located on the main body of the west elevation, two on top and one on the bottom to the left of the porch. Two doors are situated on the east elevation. One door is located on the ground and is flanked by two windows, while a window is situated to the left of the other door that can be reached by wood steps that lead to the one-story section in the rear of the house. Two more windows are located in the second floor. While two other windows are found in the rock-faced, stone foundation indicates a basement. Shaped wood shingles cover the exterior while slate shingles cover the roof. A chimney is located in the center of the roof surface.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)

in Oberlin. He at one time owned and operated the Apollo Theater as well as the Rex Theater ("Oberlin News"). Broadwell also owned the Broadwell Auto Livery and Taxi Service, a taxi stand and filling station on N. Main, and in 1930 built and opened the Janby Oil Co., located at 99 S. Main (currently Midas Muffler), with George Jackson (Oberlin Historic Inventory, 'Oberlin News'). In 1931, the Broadwells had a son, George Peake. Lucinda Broadwell continued to live in this house through her husband's death in 1941. The city directories are missing from 1973-1979, therefore it is unclear whether Lucinda remained in this house until her death in 1978 (Holsworth) and who was the next resident.

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

45. Sources (Con’t)

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