

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
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1. No.	2. County <b>LOR</b>	4. Present Name(s) Whipple House	<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource		5. Historic or OtherName(s) Whipple House, McKee House, Randall House	
Roll #	Exp. #		
Front	3	16	

6. Specific Address or Location 117 North Main Street	17. Date(s) or Period 1902-08	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Sandstone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900076102008	18. Style or Design No academic style - vernacular	High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Wood Frame
7. City or Village Oberlin	18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)	Elements <input type="checkbox"/>	32. Roof: Type Hip Pitch Steep Material Asphalt Shingle
8. Site Plan with North Arrow	19. Architect or Engineer unknown		33. No. Bays Front 2 Side 3
	19a. Design Sources unknown		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Aluminum or Vinyl Siding
	20. Contractor or Builder unknown		35. Plan Shape Square
9. U.T.M. Reference	21. Building Type or Plan American Foursquare		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered, Minimal
Zone	22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1
Eastings	23. Present Use Single Dwelling		38. Bldg. Dims. 28' x 45'
Northing	24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		39. Endangered? No Explain:
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Gary W. & Margaret L. Randall P.O. Box 52 Oberlin OH 44074		40. Chimney Placement Off Center Within Roof Surface
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object	26. Property Acreage .25		41a. Distance from road 30' approx.
11. On National Register? No	27. Other Surveys in Which Included no		41b. Frontage on road 50'
12. N.R. Potential? Yes	28. No. of Stories 2		
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No	29. Basement? Yes		
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)	42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features		

This house is a fairly typical American Foursquare. On the front is a porch with a low-pitched hip roof supported by Doric columns in groups of three. The door is on the left side, and there is a window on the right. On the second story on the front of the house, there is a very small window tucked up under the eaves on the left, and on the right is an average-sized 1 over 1 window. On the top story is a gable dormer with shingle siding. The house has a flared beltcourse, and a large bay window on the south side. On the northeast corner is an enclosed porch.

43. History and Significance  
This house was built some time between 1902 and 1908. The earliest known residents are Mrs. E.M. and Elizabeth Whipple, who was a teacher. From 1916 through 1927, Otis McKee resided here. He was born in 1882 and lived to be over 100; he spent most of his life in Oberlin, and was a banker for 45 years. He was very active in the Oberlin community. After his departure, the house was vacant for a number of years before beginning a new series of short term owners, including Mrs. Mary Walker, and M.B. Simonell. (continued on back)

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)  
A driveway on the east side of the house leads to a small shed in the back.

45. Sources of Information  
Lorain County Courthouse, Auditor Property Records, 2001. Internet.  
<http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml> Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files. O.H.I.O. Resource Center Files. Oberlin City Directories.

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47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.
48. Date Recorded 2/2/2002
49. Revised by
50a. Date Revised
50b. Reviewed by

51. Condition of Property

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good/Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed/Burned
<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	Date _____

54. Farmstead Plan



52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

n/a

<input type="checkbox"/> Corn Crib or Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/> Silo
<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke House	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring House	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice House
<input type="checkbox"/> Designed Landscape Features	<input type="checkbox"/> Privy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

OAI Completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Archaeological Feature:	Observed	Expected on Basis of Archival Research
Well	No _____	No _____
Privy	No _____	No _____
Cistern	No _____	No _____
Foundation	No _____	No _____
Structural Rubble	No _____	No _____
Formal Trash Dump	No _____	No _____
Other _____	No _____	No _____

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

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In 1937, Rev. Ludwig Thomsen and his wife Lottie J. moved in. By 1956, the City Directories list W.G. Bullock and Mrs. Muriel Porter as residents.