

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 E. Hudson St. Columbus, Ohio 43211
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1. No.		2. County LOR		4. Present Name(s) Williams House		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded	
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Ctr.				5. Historic or Other Name(s) Williams House, Lyon House			
	Roll #	Exp. #	Facing				
Front	4	22					
	4	23					
6. Specific Address or Location 51 North Cedar Street				17. Date(s) or Period pre-1859		17b. Alteration Date(s) c. 1904-1911	
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-085-106-004				18. Style or Design Greek Revival		High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. City or Village Oberlin				18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) No academic style - vernacular		Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow				19. Architect or Engineer Unknown		30. Foundation Material Sandstone	
				19a. Design Sources Greek Revival		31. Wall Construction Balloon Frame/Western Frame/Platform	
				20. Contractor or Builder Unknown		32. Roof: Type Gable Pitch Moderate Material Asphalt Shingle	
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name				21. Building Type or Plan Upright with Two Wings		33. No. Bays Front 7 Side irregular	
Zone		Easting		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Aluminum or Vinyl Siding	
Northing				23. Present Use Single Dwelling		35. Plan Shape Irregular	
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure				24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Additions	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object				25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6, and one added picture window	
11. On National Register ? No		12. N.R. Potential ? No		26. Property Acreage .315		38. Bldg. Dims. 36 x 47(approx.)	
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		14. Dist. Potential ? No		27. Other Surveys in Which Included No		39. Endangered? No Explain:	
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)				28. No. of Stories 1 and 1/2		40. Chimney Placement Off Center Within Ridgeline	
16. Thematic Association(s) Civil War, Parochial/private education - College				29. Basement? Yes		41a. Distance from road approx. 35'	
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This house is a typical Greek Revival farmhouse. One gable end faces the street, and a wing projects from each side of it, perpendicular to the main gable. The porch is slightly recessed, and covers the façade of the main gable, but not the wings. A flat roofed addition on the back of the house has a side door and porch on its south side.						41b. Frontage on road 66 ft.	
43. History and Significance Farmer and grocer David A. Williams had this house built shortly before the Civil War (Blodgett). In 1859, his grocery business on S. Main was called Williams and Bailey (City Directories). Erwin E. and Harriett A. Lyon moved in before 1890. Erwin had attended the Oberlin College Preparatory Dept. in 1860 and 1861 before serving in the Civil War as a private in Company D of the 101st Ohio Volunteer Infantry from July 1862 through December 1863. After the war, he became a manufacturer of black board slating. His daughter Lorena Adelia Lyon attended Oberlin College and later worked as a teacher. His son Doren Edwin Lyon also (cont.)							
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) A driveway on the south side of the house leads to a garage in the backyard. The Oberlin College heating plant and the Pottery Co-op are both visible behind the house.							
45. Sources of Information Blodgett, Geoffrey. <u>Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to its Social History</u> . Oberlin College, 1985. O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin City Directories. 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. Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pat Holsworth, Oberlin Pioneer Database. Oberlin College Yearbooks, O.H.I.O. Resource Center.						46. Prepared by H. Petersen, M. Franck, D. Musson, and O.H.I.O. Interns	
						47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.	
						48. Date Recorded 12/16/2002	
						49. Revised by	
						50a. Date Revised	
						50b. Reviewed by	

51. Condition of Property

- Excellent Ruin
 Good/Fair Destroyed/Burned
 Deteriorated Date _____

54. Farmstead Plan



52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

- Corn Crib or Shed Summer Kitchen Silo
 Smoke House Spring House Ice House
 Designed Landscape Features Privy Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) _____

OAI Completed? _____

Archaeological Feature:	Observed	Expected on Basis of Archival Research
Well	_____	_____
Privy	_____	_____
Cistern	_____	_____
Foundation	_____	_____
Structural Rubble	_____	_____
Formal Trash Dump	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____

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

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attended the College, worked as an engineer at the water works, and became the superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for Oberlin College by 1935. Erwin lived in the house through 1916 and died in 1921. Doren lived here until his death in 1936, and his wife Elizabeth stayed through 1956 (City Directories). George J. and Ada E. Holgate lived with the Lyons from 1929 through 1938 (Directories). Oberlin College bought the house in 1965 and uses it as a rental for faculty and staff (Blodgett).