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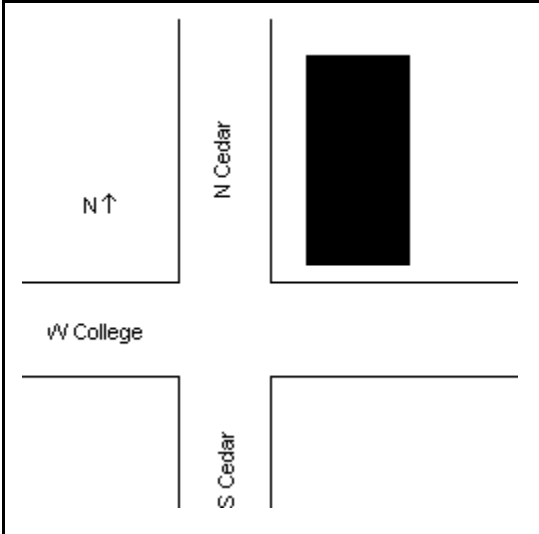
RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-02013-21		4. Present Name(s) rental property		3-21 LOR-0201
2. County Lorain		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Drummond House		
6. Specific Address or Location 200-202 West College, 15 North Cedar		19a. Design Sources		2. County Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 900085106011		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village Oberlin		21. Building Type or Plan Gabled Ell		4. Present or Historic Name(s) rental property
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397374 4571609 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling Multiple Dwelling		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Apartment House		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Private		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Oberlin College 173 W Lorain Street Oberlin, OH 44074		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b. Substantial alteration/addition
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage 0.2		
16. Thematic Associations: Christianity Temperance EDUCATION		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1
17. Date(s) or Period ca. 1880-1883		28. No. of Stories Two story		
17b. Alteration Date(s) unknown		29. Basement? Yes		38. Building Dimensions 30' x 55'
18. Style Class and Design No academic style - Vernacular		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame		39. Endangered? NO By What?
19. Architect or Engineer		32. Roof Type Cross gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) Some confusion exists as to the address of this vernacular cross-gabled building. The Lorain County Auditor's website claims the address is 202 West College, however, the address marked on the front of the building says '200.' Furthermore, the address on the west elevation says '15' (as in N. Cedar Street). This is a large house, which has been altered through multiple rear additions, so it could have both an address on Cedar and College streets. The south elevation, which faces W. College, has a projecting gable at the left and a pair of 1/1 double hung windows at the first and second stories. The windows have shutters, which are not original to the house. The first story windows project out slightly and have a shed roof above them. Right of the gable, the porch has decorative brackets below the roof; the brackets are in a scrolled, S-shape, with a leaf-like shape cut out as decoration. The porch has wood supports and wood balusters. Concrete steps and metal rails lead up to the wood floor of the porch, which has lattice below. The porch is recessed and has a door at the left. The windows of the door have a texture to them, and filled panels are below the continued...		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 7		40. Chimney Placement Off center within ridaeline
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) This house was constructed between 1880 and 1883 as 38 1/2 West College Street. It has been home to several widows and college students. The first known residents were Lewis Binder, a tailor, his wife Jane (Naylor) and their two children, Frank and Edith, and they moved to the home from Wyandot County, Ohio. After the Binders' departure around 1886, Sarah Clancy, an 1859 Oberlin Preparatory graduate, moved in with her two sons, William and Lorin, who both attended Oberlin College. At one time William was the state collegiate record holder in the 800 meter run. Sarah died in 1886 and around that time her sons moved to Elm Street. Lucy M. Mellen moved in next with her three daughters and two sons. Her first daughter was named Ila, and it is unclear if she ever lived in the house. Her continued...		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Aluminum or vinyl siding		
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) This house is located on the corner of North Cedar and West College streets and is surrounded by other residences and rentals. The house has no outbuildings.		51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 10'
45. Sources of Information Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center, City Directories, Oberlin Phone Books and Past Perfect collections program; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com/auditorindex.shtml, accessed 2009; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Oberlin, Ohio 1911-1942; 'Youthful Criminals', Oberlin News, 3/29/1894, Pg. 4 Col. 3; Hinman, Susan F, 'Among the Chinese', Oberlin News, 1/17/1895, Pg. 7 Col. 1; Hinman, Susan F. 'A Day in Peking', Oberlin News, 1/21/1896, Pg. 1 continued...		52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Date Associated Activity		
46. Prepared By: Liz Schultz		47. Organization: Oberlin Heritage Center		6. Specific Address or Location 200-202 West College, 15 North Cedar
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 11/20/2009		
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Three or more

Door Position:
Recessed

Orientation:
Multiple facade orientation

Symmetry:
Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:



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

windows. Right of the door, a 1/1 double hung window has shutters. Right of the porch, a 1/1 window is at the first and second stories; they have shutters on their right sides only. The east elevation has a gabled portion to the left and a 1/1 double hung window at the first story. The middle section has a door at the right and a small 1/1 double hung window above the door and to the left of the door. Another gabled section, at the far right, has a door near the center and a 1/1 double hung window at the left and right. The second story includes two asymmetrical 1/1 double hung windows. The west elevation faces N. Cedar and includes a porch, which extends over most of the elevation. The porch has a slightly hipped roof and Tuscan columns with a wood balustrade. Concrete steps and metal rails lead up at the center of the porch, which has a wood floor. Lattice below the porch appears to be original. Left of the porch, a 1/1 double hung window is at the first and second stories; the second story window has shutters. At the left in a gabled portion, within the porch, a door is marked '15.' The door is comprised of wood and has a window in the upper portion. A large 1/1 double hung window left of the door has shutters. In the second story of the gabled portion, a pair of 1/1 double hung windows has shutters. The portion of the house right of the gable is recessed. This includes a solid door with filled panels at the right, and a 1/1 double hung window with shutters at the left. In the second story, a pair of 1/1 double hung windows has shutters. Right of the recessed portion, the wall projects slightly and has a 1/1 double hung window facing north at the first and second stories. Another door at this section of the house is to the right and has filled panels; a 1/1 double hung window is left of this door and has shutters. Right of the porch, a further-projected gabled section has pairs of 1/1 double hung windows at the first and second stories, which have shutters and a shed roof over the first story windows. Right of the gabled portion, a 1/1 double hung window is at the first and second story; they have shutters. The rear elevation, at the north, includes a small, one-story addition at the far left, which has a flat roof and a 6-light window that faces west. In the main body of the house, a 1/1 double hung window is at the first and second stories within a gabled portion. At the right (in the west-facing gabled part), a 1/1 double hung window is at the first story.

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next oldest daughter, Jennie, attended the Oberlin Conservatory of Music (gr. 1888). The youngest, Ina, attended the Oberlin College preparatory department and Conservatory (gr.1891) and in 1891 married F. E. Briggs. Lucy's oldest son Harvey attended the preparatory department before becoming a traveling salesman. Her younger son John went to the preparatory department before entering the hardware business. John Mellen had a knack for getting into trouble and was implicated in twenty-seven burglaries in 1894. In 1894 the address was changed to 200 West College Street. By 1894 the Mellen's had moved out and were replaced by Mrs. T. H. Bellard. Some of Mrs. Bellard's children may have lived in the home as well. Her son Robert attended the College (gr. 1896) while her daughters, Carrie and Lillian, attended the Oberlin Academy, both completing their time at the Academy in 1895. Within a year or so the Bellard's moved away and the Smilie family arrived. Richard Smilie was a Civil War veteran, as well as an oil and gasoline worker. He married Lavina Smalley in 1885 and they had several children: Jessie, who attended the College for two years, John Paule, a telephone worker, and Mildred, who attended the Conservatory for three years. In 1902 Jessie married Clifford Noe and moved with him to Cleveland. The rest of the family lived in the home until around 1904 when the Barnett family moved in. Claude Barnett was a teacher of penmanship and attended the Conservatory for two years. He lived with his wife Clara (Weaver). Both Claude and Clara were members of the Knights and Ladies of Security. By 1905 the Barnetts had been supplanted by the Bedfords. Sophia Bedford and her husband Henry C., a plasterer, lived with their two children, Bernarda and Harold. Between 1904 and 1910 the house was expanded, according to Sanborn insurance maps. Around 1910 Frederick Lendzian moved in with the Bedfords. Both he and the Bedfords had moved out by 1916. Around 1913 Josiah Bradley Buell lived here. He graduated from the college in 1915 and moved to Providence, Rhode Island. The Prossers, Bert, a clerk at Yocom Brothers (dry goods), Mable E. (Weaver) and their two children, Eltha, an Oberlin High School graduate and John, lived here along with the Allsops. Edith Allsop was a clerk and Hilda (unknown relation, possibly sisters) was a stenographer. The Prossers lived in the house into the 1920s, while the Allsops left in the intervening years. By 1927, the Prossers had moved out and made room for Herman Frey and his wife Josephine. Around this time it appears the house was divided into two units, 200 West College and 15 North Cedar. While the Freys continued to live at 200 West College, a teacher, Mary Kepler, a former Oberlin College art student, and her sister Winifred McDonald, a matron and a 1908 graduate of the Conservatory, moved in along with Winifred's son Robert, who graduated from Oberlin High School in 1941. Herman Frey died in 1929, and Josephine Frey died after an operation about a year later after moving to Elyria. In their place, Mrs. Fannie Drummond, a widow, and Miss Susan Hinman moved into 200 West College by 1933. Miss Kepler and McDonald continued to live at 15 North Cedar. Mrs. Drummond was widowed when her husband passed away at the age of 55 in 1914. Mr. Drummond's death received considerable attention because of Mrs. Drummond's decision to sue the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company \$20,000 for his death. She alleged the railroad did not stop the train in Oberlin when her husband was sick, but instead made him exit the train 600 feet from the station on a block of cinders, exacerbating his illness. Ultimately, Mrs. Drummond appears to have lowered her claim to \$10,000 dollars, but this smaller amount did not satisfy the jury which found for the railroad. Despite this, Mrs. Drummond was granted an appeal because the jury was not issued proper instructions by the judge in the original case and the appeals court reversed the decision. Mrs. Drummond was also a strong supporter of the temperance movement and was a national lecturer and organizer for the Women's Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.). She went to Asia to serve as a missionary around 1910. Miss Hinman began her career as an educator working in the South. She then graduated from Oberlin College in 1893 before returning south. Like Mrs. Drummond, Miss Hinman was a missionary, taking several well documented trips to Asia. In 1895, she wrote a letter to the Oberlin News entitled 'Life Among the Chinese' and talked about meeting the Emperor of China, as well as the different types of technology found in China. In 1896, she wrote another letter detailing the thanksgiving festivities held in Peking. She later returned to Oberlin to become a school teacher. Between 1899 and 1904 she taught in North Carolina, Nebraska and North Dakota. In 1907 she helped organize a drive to send banquets of flowers to Cleveland 'for the unfortunate ones in the big city.' Around the same time she, like Mrs. Drummond, became very involved in the temperance movement, attending the national convention of the W.C.T.U. In 1910, a farewell social was held at Mrs. Drummond's then current residence on North Pleasant Street for Miss Hinman before she returned to Asia to continue work with her brother Reverend George Hinman 'among the Chinese and Japanese.' The Oberlin News reported, 'The [W.C.T.U.] will still retain Miss Hinman's membership, and to seal it, a gold band was placed upon her finger.' Later that year Miss Hinman wrote a letter from Oakland, California to the News Tribune about her travel's west, commenting that 'California is a new world. Climate and vegetation are new.' In 1914 she wrote a booklet called 'Love's Confession,' the New Testament from the point of view of an older Virgin Mary. By 1916, she had returned to the United States and taken up work as a teacher at an integrated school in North Carolina. She commented in a letter to the Oberlin News that the 'appliances [are] so crude that I used a pumpkin in teaching geography.' In 1918 she was helping to organize the League of Nations and lived in Washington, DC. By 1923, Susan Hinman had been elected president of the Oberlin Women's Christian Temperance Union. She continued to be involved with the Shansi program at Oberlin College, a program facilitating academic exchanges between Oberlin and the Far East, until she retired from that work in 1941. Miss Hinman also created a pencil drawing on display at the Oberlin Heritage Center's Jewett House when she was sixteen. By 1935 Clara Denslow, a retired teacher moved into the home. Miss Hinman moved out of the home between 1937 and 1939 and moved to 10 South Prospect, based on a notice of a lost brooch published in the Oberlin News Tribune in 1941. In 1940, Miss Kepler passed away at age 66 and Mrs. Clara Denslow moved away. Around the same time a retired minister, Hamill Shields, moved into the house with his wife Belle. Mrs. Drummond appears to have moved out of the home around 1942, leaving the home to the Shields and the McDonalds. About a year later the McDonalds moved out, leaving the Shields as the home's only residents. By 1948 the Shields had left and the Turners, Sacks and Bogardus families moved in. William Arthur Turner and his wife Alberta (Tucker) were both instructors at the college English Department. The Turners also had a young daughter, Prudence (Prue), who now works as a historian at the Oberlin Heritage Center. Norman Paul Sacks was a professor of romance languages and lived with his wife Miriam. Vernon Bogardus, a halfback on the Oberlin College football team, lived in the house with his wife Lois C. Mr. Bogardus graduated in 1949 with a degree in education and was a member of the Future Teachers of America club at the college. James Orr, a member of the American Historical Association and a graduate of Oberlin High School lived in the house around 1949. According to Prue (now Prue Richards), Sandra and Sergy Podwalney moved into the home around 1949. The Podwalney's had been political prisoners in Hungary and were brought to the United States by First Church. They were sometimes discriminated against because of others mistaking them as German. Sergi worked as an engineer. Later in life Sandra became a supporter of the United Nations, organizing pro-UN activities throughout Oberlin. The Podwalney's moved out of the home by 1956. By 1956 The Turner, Sacks and Bogardus families had also moved out and the Lash, Barr, and Wayne families moved in. Chester Lash was a lineman for the City of Oberlin and lived with his wife Corrine and child. Marvin M. Barr repaired watches and lived with his wife Doris and two children. Wayne Fiest was a machine operator for Ridge Tool and lived with his wife Wilma and their five children. By 1961 all three families had moved out and the Presti and Yasher families moved in. Eugene J. Presti managed Presti's of Oberlin, an Italian restaurant which still operates. He and his wife Rebecca lived in the home with their one child. At one time Rebecca had been the director of the Oberlin Public Library. Regis J. Yasher worked at a Ford plant and lived with his wife Keita and child. In 1961 the North Cedar portion of the house was listed as vacant. By 1970 the Prestis and the Yashers had moved out and their vacancies were filled by the Weaver, Seldkamp and Hook families. James L. Weaver was a custodian for the College and raised one child with his wife Louise E.. Thos E. Seldkamp was a carpenter who lived with his wife Cathy. Mrs. Margaret Hook lived in the North Cedar portion of the house; we know she lived in the home until at least 1973, although the other families appear to have moved out before then. More recently Stephen C. Brown, who did research on sound for Yale University, lived in the home. As of 2009, Oberlin College owns the home and leases it to students as part of their Village Housing program.

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