

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
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1. No.	2. County LOR	4. Present Name(s)		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Hall House, Caldwell House, Hill House, Robinson House, Baxter House, Gardner-Sayles House		
Roll #	Exp. #			
Front	1	03	S	
6. Specific Address or Location 209 West College Street		17. Date(s) or Period 1885	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Sandstone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900085102019		18. Style or Design Eastlake	High Style <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Brick Bearing
7. City or Village If Rural, Township & Vicinity Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)	Elements <input type="checkbox"/>	32. Roof: Type Gable Pitch Steep Material Slate, Imbricated
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer unknown		33. No. Bays Front 2 Side 7
		19a. Design Sources unknown		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Brick, Garden Wall Bond
		20. Contractor or Builder Marvin Teachout		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name		21. Building Type or Plan Four-over-Four		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Unknown
Zone	Easting	Northing		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		38. Bldg. Dims. 30' x 60'
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		23. Present Use Single Dwelling	24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	39. Endangered? No Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		40. Chimney Placement Off Center Within Roof Surface
11. On National Register ? No	12. N.R. Potential ? Yes	26. Property Acreage .2		41a. Distance from road 15' approx.
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No	14. Dist. Potential ? Yes	27. Other Surveys in Which Included no		41b. Frontage on road 49'
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		28. No. of Stories 2 and 1/2		
16. Thematic Association(s) College, Commerce, Industry		29. Basement? Full		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features On the front of this large brick house on the first story is a wooden bay window on the left side, with very ornamental paired brackets and decorative woodwork under the cornice. On the right side of the front is a gabled wooden protrusion with the front door to the house, which is a double door approached by stairs. The decorative woodwork over the doorway includes a lunette pattern. Over these, the gable end of the house faces the road, with ornate floral patterns in the bargeboard. All of the windows in the house have simple sandstone heads and sills. (continued on back)				
43. History and Significance The house was built in 1885 for Oberlin alumnus and faculty member Lyman Bronson Hall. The mason for the house, Marvin Teachout, died from injuries he received by falling off the scaffolding during construction. Professor Hall graduated from Oberlin College in 1872, and returned to teach American History five years later. He was known for his strong prohibitionist sentiments and innovative teaching. He lived in the house through 1916, though from 1894 to 1896 a Mrs. E. F. May and Professor S. W. Rain resided there, and from 1908 to 1910, Lucy P. Caldwell lived in the house with Professor Hall. (continued on back)				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) This large house is confined to a small corner lot, with a small back yard enclosed by a picket fence. The driveway, which slopes down into the basement-level garage, is just long enough for a car to park outside the garage.				
45. Sources of Information Lorain County Courthouse, Auditor Property Records, 2001. Internet. http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml . Blodgett, G. Oberlin Architecture College and Town. A Guide to its Social History. 1985. Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files. O.H.I.O. Resource Center Files. Oberlin City Directories.				
			46. Prepared by DG Henry, G. Baudoin, M. Franck	
			47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.	
			48. Date Recorded 1/18/2002	
			49. Revised by	
			50a. Date Revised	
			50b. Reviewed by	

51. Condition of Property

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruin
<input 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)

On the west side of the house is a small porch with wooden decorations between the posts and a decorative wooden hood. The roof brackets are of an elaborate scroll design. There is an intersecting gable on the west side of the house. On the east side, there is a two-story bay window with a hip roof, and an entrance that goes into an enclosed porch. Behind this is a sandstone garage, and on the back of the house over this garage is a screened-in porch covered with wood lattice.

43. History and Significance (Continued from page 1.)

In 1927, Jasper W. Hall, a clothing merchant, bought the house and lived there until 1938 with his wife Minerva. From 1939 to 1942, Howard Robinson resided there, and from 1956 to the 1960s, Ridge Tool employee James Baxter owned the home. Hall is listed as living in the residence from 1888 to 1916.