

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) Gibson's		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Gibson's		
Roll #	Exp. #			
Front	1	20	S	
Rear	2	33	N	
6. Specific Address or Location 23 West College Street		17. Date(s) or Period 1904	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Stone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 09-00-085-112-007		18. Style or Design No academic style - vernacular	High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Brick Bearing
7. City or Village Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) Art Moderne	Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	32. Roof: Type Flat Pitch Low Material Asphalt Shingle
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer		33. No. Bays Front 3 Side
		19a. Design Sources		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Brick, Common/American Bond
		20. Contractor or Builder		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Building Type or Plan Other		36. Changes (Explain in #42)
Zone	Easting	Northing		37. Window Type(s) Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		38. Bldg. Dims. 20 ft. X 120 ft.
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		23. Present Use Bakery and Retail		39. Endangered? no Explain:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		40. Chimney Placement Other
11. On National Register? No		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		41a. Distance from road 21 ft.
12. N.R. Potential? No		26. Property Acreage .051		41b. Frontage on road 20 ft.
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		27. Other Surveys in Which Included Dobson-Brown (92)		
14. Dist. Potential? Yes		28. No. of Stories 3		
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		29. Basement? Yes		
16. Thematic Association(s) Commerce		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features Three story commercial building with altered storefront and later second story bay window addition with aluminum siding. Continuous stone lintel above third floor windows and at roof line; space between the lintels has a date plaque that reads "Gibson;1904". Several additions on the back step down to the alley.		
43. History and Significance The location of this building was an empty lot and then the site of a small frame one story shelter through the 19th century era of commercial development. As a result of the efforts of the Village Improvement Society the Gibson brothers were required to close their candy and peanut stand on the sidewalk at the east end of West College Street. They purchased this lot from Richard Brown, who sold peanuts and had a shoe shine stand on the lot. Mr. Brown's sign read "Richard, Jesus & Co.". The Gibson ran their business from Mr. Brown's (cont.)		46. Prepared by		
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) This building is centrally located, across from the historic college campus, in Oberlin's oldest historic downtown block.		47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.		
45. Sources of Information Fred Maddock at O.H.I.O. Resource Center and Oberlin College Archives; Lorain County Courthouse tax records; Oberlin H.P.C.		48. Date Recorded 12/9/1998		
		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)

<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 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 _____	Yes _____
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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stand until they built their new building in 1905. The first floor has had candy, baked goods, a fountain and since 1945 grocery items. Upper floors have had varied uses. From 1905-1907 the second floor was a tea room; from 1907-1910 a silent movie picture theater; since then a bakery and work room. The third floor has also had varied uses.