

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) Smith Furnishings & Floor Coverings		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Elliot & Bowen Jewelry; U.S. Post Office; Oberlin Pharmacy; Tobin's Drug Store; Ives & Smith Drug Store; 2nd Floor: Oberlin Business College; Village Corp and Mayor's Office; V.J. Puchra, tailor		
Roll #	Exp. #			
Front 1	21	S		
Rear 2	34	N		
6. Specific Address or Location 25 West College Street		17. Date(s) or Period 1865	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Stone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 09-00-085-112-006		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)		32. Roof: Type Other 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) Altered
Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Retail, Office		37. Window Type(s) Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		23. Present Use Retail		38. Bldg. Dims. 26 ft. X 120 ft.
11. On National Register ? no		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		39. Endangered? no Explain:
12. N.R. Potential ? No		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		40. Chimney Placement No Chimney Observed
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? no		26. Property Acreage .072		41a. Distance from road 21 ft.
14. Dist. Potential ? yes		27. Other Surveys in Which Included Dobson-Brown (92)		41b. Frontage on road 26 ft.
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		28. No. of Stories 3		
16. Thematic Association(s) Commercial, Retail		29. Basement? Yes		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This is a three story brick bearing structure that has an altered first floor storefront and entrance to the upper floors. The first floor has a recessed entryway and vertical wood shingles and planking. The second and third floors have 1/1 rectangular sash windows. There are belt courses above each floor. Red brick is used on the first floor, variegated brick on the third. The cornice is soldier brick. The rear has a stepped pattern of square additions. Third floor appears to be an addition., but has had continuous occupancy since 1865.				
43. History and Significance This is one of John D. Carpenter's 1860s West College structures. From 1869 to 1886 this building was Oberlin's Post Office. After that it was a grocery; the Oberlin Pharmacy from 1902-1910; and then other pharmacies until 1950. Upper floors have housed various professional and real estate offices. From 1872 to 1883 the second floor was the home of Oberlin Business College. Today upper floors are used as residences. The original structure on the site was an 1833 two-story frame carpenter shop for the College. (cont..)				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) This building was part of the West College Street holdings of entrepreneur John D. Carpenter; it is directly across from the historic Oberlin College campus and centrally located in the historic downtown.				
45. Sources of Information Fred Maddock files at O.H.I.O Resource Center and Oberlin College Archives; Oberlin H.P.C. files; Lorain County Courthouse tax records.				
46. Prepared by				47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.
47. Organization				48. Date Recorded 12/11/1998
48. Date Recorded				49. Revised by
49. Revised by				50a. Date Revised
50a. Date Revised				50b. Reviewed by
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	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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That building was moved twice and then destroyed by fire.