

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) Bead Paradise		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Johnson Dry Goods; Yocum Brothers Dry Goods; Powers and Dawley		
O.H.I.O. Resource				
Roll #	Exp. #	Facing		
Front 1	23	S		
Rear 2	36	N		
6. Specific Address or Location 29 West College Street		17. Date(s) or Period 1900	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Stone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 09-00-085-112--004		18. Style or Design Italianate	High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Brick Bearing
7. City or Village Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)	Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	32. Roof: Type Tar Other Pitch Low
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer		33. No. Bays
		19a. Design Sources		Front 3
		20. Contractor or Builder		Side 4
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Building Type or Plan Other		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Brick, Common/American Bond
Zone	Easting	22. Original Use, if apparent Commerce; Dry Goods		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
		23. Present Use Commerce; Clothing		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered
		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		37. Window Type(s) Other
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		38. Bldg. Dims. 30.5 ft. X 120 ft.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		26. Property Acreage .085		39. Endangered? no Explain:
11. On National Register ? no	12. N.R. Potential ? no	27. Other Surveys in Which Included Dobson-Brown (92)		40. Chimney Placement Lateral Wall Flush
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? no	14. Dist. Potential ? yes	28. No. of Stories 2		41a. Distance from road 21 ft.
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		29. Basement? Yes		41b. Frontage on road 30.5 ft.
16. Thematic Association(s) Commerce		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This two-story brick bearing structure has an altered glass storefront with a recessed entryway and transom. The second floor has two oriel windows with 1/1 sash. The cornice is a stepped brick pattern with a brick header, which is also around the bays. There are brick piers with stone between the second floor bays. There are pressed brick panels above the corbels. The first floor has a side entryway to the second floor. The rear has a simple flat facade with four bays. The roof line slopes toward the rear.		
43. History and Significance In 1899 a fire in the west storefront millinery shop destroyed the 1874 building on this site. Mrs. A.G. Comings then rebuilt the present building with one large storefront on the first floor, and office and storage space on the second. The original building on the site was the home of West College Street's principal developer, Mr. John D. Carpenter. That building was moved to College Place where it stood until it was demolished sometime in the 1960s. In 1874 Mr. Royce built a new structure here for his shoe and boot business, that (cont.)		 		
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) West College Street is Oberlin's earliest commercial street as it faced the historic Oberlin College campus. Today this street remains the core of historic downtown Oberlin.		46. Prepared by		
45. Sources of Information Fred Maddock files. O.H.I.O. at Resource Center and Oberlin College Archives; Oberlin H.P.C. files; Lorain County Courthouse tax records.		47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.		
		48. Date Recorded 12/8/1998		
		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	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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building had upstairs offices. In 1874 the first floor was partitioned to provide housing for a family that had been burned out of their homes in another fire.