

# 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   |                                 | 5. Historic or Other Name(s)   |  |  |
| O.H.I.O. Resource  |                                 | Goss House; Wager House  |  |  |
| Roll #   | Exp. #                          | Facing   |  |  |
| Front 2  | 28                              | N  |  |  |
| Rear 2   | 29                              | S  |  |  |
| 6. Specific Address or Location  |                                 | 17. Date(s) or Period  | 17b. Alteration Date(s)                      | 30. Foundation Material                    |
| 292 West College   |                                 | 1862   |  | Stone                                      |
| 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number   |                                 | 18. Style or Design  | High Style <input type="checkbox"/>          | 31. Wall Construction                      |
| 09-00-085-101-025  |                                 | Italianate   | Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Brick                                      |
| 7. City or Village   |                                 | 18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)   |  | 32. Roof:                                  |
| Oberlin  |                                 |  |  | Type Gable                                 |
| If Rural, Township & Vicinity  |                                 |  |  | Pitch Moderate                             |
| Oberlin  |                                 |  |  | Material Composition shingle               |
| 8. Site Plan with North Arrow  |                                 | 19. Architect or Engineer  |  | 33. No. Bays                               |
|  |                                 | 19a. Design Sources  |  | Front 3                                    |
|  |                                 | 20. Contractor or Builder  |  | Side 4                                     |
|  |                                 | 21. Building Type or Plan  |  | 34. Exterior Wall Material(s)              |
|  |                                 | Side Hallway   |  | Red brick, Stretcher or Running Bond       |
|  |                                 | 22. Original Use, if apparent  |  | 35. Plan Shape                             |
|  |                                 | Residential  |  | Rectangular                                |
| 9. U.T.M. Reference  |                                 | 23. Present Use  |  | 36. Changes (Explain in #42)               |
| Quadrangle Name  |                                 | Residential  |  | Some Alteration                            |
| Zone   | Easting                         | 24. Ownership  |  | 37. Window Type(s)                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private  |  | Double-hung; 6 over 6; 6 over 1            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>        | 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known   |  | 38. Bldg. Dims. 24 ft. x 60 ft.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>        |  |  | 39. Endangered? No Explain:                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building   | <input type="checkbox"/> Object |  |  | 40. Chimney Placement                      |
| 11. On National Register ?   | 12. N.R. Potential ?            | 26. Property Acreage .410  |  | 1 Off-center                               |
| No   | No                              | 27. Other Surveys in Which Included  |  | 41a. Distance from road                    |
| 13. Part of Estb Hist Dist?  | 14. Dist. Potential ?           | None   |  | 41b. Frontage on road 105 ft.              |
| No   | Yes                             | 28. No. of Stories 2   |  |  |
| 15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)   | 29. Basement? Yes               |  |  |  |
| 16. Thematic Association(s)  |                                 | 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features  |  |  |
| Commerce & Parochial/private education: Higher   |                                 | <p>This two-story house with Italianate elements has a gable front roof with large brackets along the cornice line. The three bays along the front facade are arranged following a standard side-hallway plan. The front double doors have decorative fretwork panels. The floor length windows of the first story are six over one and double-hung. The second story has six over six double-hung windows topped by stone lintels with triangular pediments. A wood frame, gable roof addition with a one-story wing extends from the rear of the house. Some of the windows are replacement windows.</p> |  |  |
| 43. History and Significance   |                                 | 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)  |  | 46. Prepared by                            |
| <p>Built in 1862 by Roswell Stevens on land purchased from the college, this house was sold to Charles Goss in 1865 (Blodgett). Mr. And Mrs. C.P. Goss advertisement in the 1873-74 City Directory read: "Dealers in Fashionable Millinery; Ladies Furnishings and Fancy Goods, No. 10 West College Street." Mrs. Goss ran this successful business until her death in 1885. Mr. Goss, a printer, lived here through 1891 (City Directories). In 1894 and 1896 M. W. Seilbert resided here; in 1897 and 1899 Mrs. J.B. Miller and her children Joseph and Mary (cont.)</p> |                                 | <p>Homes on West College are late 19th century and early 20th century. This mostly intact residential area is experiencing loss of integrity due to conversions to rental and alterations to historic homes.</p>   |  | M. Fedelchak-Harley; L. Previll; J. Heaton |
| 45. Sources of Information   |                                 | 47. Organization   |  | O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.                        |
| <p>Lorain County Courthouse: Lorain County tax records. Oberlin Public Library: Oberlin City Directories. O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files; Oberlin City Directories. Blodgett, Geoffrey. Oberlin Architecture College and Town: A Guide to its Social History _____. Oberlin College, 1985. Oberlin College Library Special Collections: Oberlin City Directories.</p>  |                                 | 48. Date Recorded  |  | 1-11-2000                                  |
|  |                                 | 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                    | <u>No</u> | <u>No</u>                              |
| Privy                   | <u>No</u> | <u>No</u>                              |
| Cistern                 | <u>No</u> | <u>No</u>                              |
| Foundation              | <u>No</u> | <u>No</u>                              |
| Structural Rubble       | <u>No</u> | <u>No</u>                              |
| Formal Trash Dump       | <u>No</u> | <u>No</u>                              |
| Other _____             | <u>No</u> | <u>No</u>                              |

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

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

shared the house with others. Occupants continued to change and included Mrs. N.B. Garlick (1902), Mrs. R Reid (1904) and John A. Steele, mail carrier (1907). From 1908, Mr. Charles Wager (through 1942) and Anne Wager (through 1956) owned and occupied the house (City Directories). Professor Wager was a popular and noted professor of English Literature from 1900-1934; a wing of North Hall on the college campus was named for him (Blodgett).

This house is significant for its association with an Oberlin business family and for its association with Oberlin College as faculty housing. This house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in September of 1975.