

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
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1. No.	2. County <b>LOR</b>	4. Present Name(s) <b>Java Zone</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>The Carpenter Block: Oberlin Pharmacy; Gem Pharmacy; Ohly's Drug Store; Kaiser-Wells Drug Store</b>		
O.H.I.O. Resource				
Roll #	Exp. #	Facing		
Front 1	17	S		
Rear 2	28	E		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>5 West College Street</b>		17. Date(s) or Period <b>1887-1890</b>	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material <b>Stone</b>
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number <b>09-00-085-112-013</b>		18. Style or Design <b>Italianate</b>	High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction <b>Brick</b>
7. City or Village <b>Oberlin</b>		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) <b>Victorian Commercial</b>	Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	32. Roof: Type <b>Flat</b> Pitch <b>Low</b> Material <b>Tar</b>
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer <b>Weary and Kramer, Akron, Ohio</b>	33. No. Bays	
		19a. Design Sources	Front <b>2</b>	Side <b>4</b>
		20. Contractor or Builder	34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Red Pressed Brick</b>	
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other</b>	35. Plan Shape <b>Rectangular</b>	
Zone	Easting	22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Retail</b>	36. Changes (Explain in #42) <b>Altered</b>	
Quadrangle Name		23. Present Use <b>Service and Office</b>	37. Window Type(s) <b>Other</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	38. Bldg. Dims. <b>25 ft. X 62 ft.</b>	
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known	39. Endangered? <b>no</b> Explain:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		40. Chimney Placement <b>Multiple Random</b>		
11. On National Register ? <b>no</b>	12. N.R. Potential ? <b>yes</b>	26. Property Acreage <b>.036</b>	41a. Distance from road <b>21 ft.</b>	
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? <b>no</b>	14. Dist. Potential ? <b>yes</b>	27. Other Surveys in Which Included <b>Dobson-Brown (92)</b>	41b. Frontage on road <b>25 ft.</b>	
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		28. No. of Stories <b>2</b>		
16. Thematic Association(s) <b>Commercial</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features Two story brick commercial structure with one altered storefront. This is eastern portion of a four storefront commercial block. Different brick in varied sections of the block reflect the three years it took to complete construction. All windows have stone sills with colored multi-paned glass around one square pane; the cornice has brick corbeling. The rear displays multiple window and door openings that date from an alley that ran directly behind the building before the southern addition (#14 South Main) was built. Since then #14 has been remodeled, the wall removed and the two buildings are now integrated as one.				
43. History and Significance All of the frame buildings at this intersection were destroyed in the fire of May 1886. This structure is part of a four storefront block built over a period of three years. The east corner two-story frame building, destroyed in the fire belonged to George Kinney and was leased to H.G. Carpenter. After the fire Mr. Carpenter built the new four storefront block on land he purchase and land he leased. This probably explains why it took him three years to complete construction. During the three years of construction Weary & Kramer designed three (cont..)				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) This building occupies the principal intersection of downtown Oberlin and was across the street from the original Oberlin College campus. Its' history indicates the dynamic quality of small town commerce.				
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; "Oberlin Architecture", G. Blodgett.				
46. Prepared by			47. Organization <b>O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.</b>	
48. Date Recorded <b>12/8/1998</b>			49. Revised by	
50a. Date Revised			50b. Reviewed by	
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 _____	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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buildings for Oberlin College (Peters, Talcott, and Baldwin Halls). In 1900 C.W. Rowland moved the Oberlin Pharmacy to this location. There was, under different owners, a drug store in this corner location until 1994.