

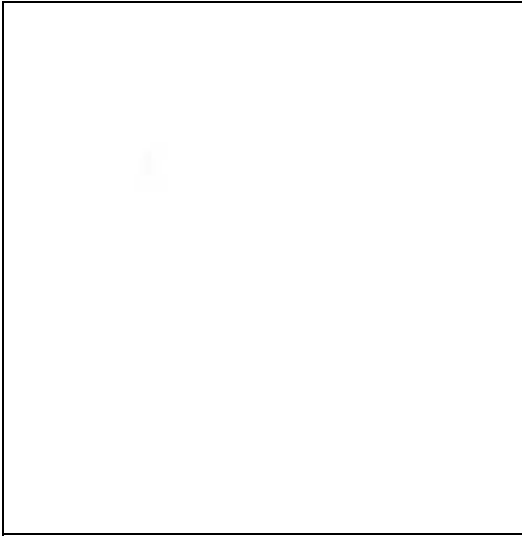
# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
567 E. Hudson St.  
Columbus, OH 43211  
614/298-2000



1. No. LOR-1822-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1822-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.						
Roll No. 1		Picture No.(s) 8,9		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Brill House		2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 52 Edison Street		16. Thematic Associations: Public Safety, Water,		28. No. of Stories Two story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900096102026		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1874-1877		17b. Alteration Date(s) 1994 (Property Card)		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village Oberlin		18. Style or Design Greek Revival,		29. Basement? Yes		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Unknown		
		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		
		19a. Design Sources		32. Roof Type Cross gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 398152 4571121 Zone Easting Northing		20. Contractor or Builder		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays E: 5 & W: 1		
10. Classification: Building		21. Building Type or Plan Upright and Wing		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Wood shingles		
11. On National Register?		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , ,		35. Plan Shape L-shaped		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		23. Present Use Single Dwelling, ,		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Yes Moved		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		24. Ownership Private		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1, Altered		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		38. Building Dimensions 49' x 72'		
		26. Property Acreage .22		39. Endangered? By What?		
		27. Other Surveys		40. Chimney Placement Center		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Dist: 15' & Frontage: 51'		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 52 Edison Street
<p>This house is an altered Upright and Wing, resembling the Greek Revival style. The exterior of the house is covered in wood shingles. The upright portion of the house is two stories and contains a door, which is not original to the house, near the center, and one-over-one double hung replacement windows flank it. Two one-over-one double hung windows are located on the second story; they are also replacements. The full front porch has a wood continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>When this house was built, Edison Street was called Railroad Street &amp; its number was 13 until 1894 when it was re-numbered 52. It was built between 1874 &amp; 1877 when this house is first listed in the Oberlin City Directories. This first known resident is Henry Brill, a teamster, &amp; most likely his wife Ella A. (AKA Nellie or Ellen). The Brill family would go on to live in the house for more than ninety years. Henry fathered three children with Ella: Charles A, Albert H, &amp; Mary L but left her to continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>The house has two non-historic sheds at the rear of the property. The house is in stable condition and is located across from a large, empty lot on a residential street.</p>						
45. Sources of Information						
<p>City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, 1992.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <a href="http://www.loraincounty.com/audit/or/index.shtml">http://www.loraincounty.com/audit/or/index.shtml</a>, Accessed continued...</p>						
46. Prepared By: Clark, Surovy, Tomazic, Tuohy		47. Organization: O.H.I.O./Oberlin Heritage Center		48. Date Recorded: 08/02/2004		

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51. Condition of Property: <b>Good/Fair</b>	54. Farmstead Plan
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies	
53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers	
Door Selection: <b>Two doors asymmetrical</b>	
Door Position: <b>Recessed</b>	
Orientation: <b>Gable dominant with lateral smaller extension</b>	
Symmetry: <b>Bilateral asymmetry</b>	
FOR OHPO USE:	
49. Revised By:	
50a. Date Revised:	
50b. Reviewed by:	
RPR Number:	

*42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)*

shingled wall around the perimeter and simple square supports. On the left half of the front elevation, one-over-one double hung replacement windows flank an off-centered door. The left half is the wing portion of the facade, is one story, and is set back from the upright portion. The upright portion has a front-facing gable, while the wing has a side gable. The west elevation is one story and has a single one-over-one double hung replacement window. The home's rear addition is not visible from the west elevation. The east elevation has one-over-one replacement windows and a one-story addition at the rear, which is covered in vinyl siding.

*43. History and Significance (Con't)*

marry another woman, Mary E, in 1889 (Holsworth, City Directory, Oberlin News). In 1890, Ella is listed living at 23 Railroad; it is unclear whether she had moved down the street from 13 Edison or if it is a mistake in the city directories (where the info was found). By 1894, Ella is again listed at 13 Edison along with her son Charles ('Chas'). Charles & Sarah Hines were also living here, perhaps as renters. Chas worked as a plumber and laborer before he married Mina D in 1902. In that year Chas' brother Albert, a driver for the Oberlin Fire Dept, was also living here. Ella continued to live with Chas and Mina, probably until she died in the 1920's. Mina and Chas had two children, Myron & Merle (Holsworth). Charles worked as an electrician from about 1907 until 1937 when he started his own business, 'Brill C. A. and Son Plumbing.' Chas died sometime before 1961 but Mina continued to live here by herself. Mina had died or moved out by 1970 when another Charles A. Brill, possibly a nephew, was living at the house (City Directory). This Charles had moved to Wellington by 1973 (Phone Book).

*44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)*

*45. Sources (Con't)*

2004.; Gordon, Stephen C, 'Oberlin, Wakeman, Wellington Phone Book: 1973,' Northern Ohio Telephone Company, 1973.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee, 'A Field Guide to American Houses,' Alfred K. Knopf Inc., New York, 2000.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.

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