



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

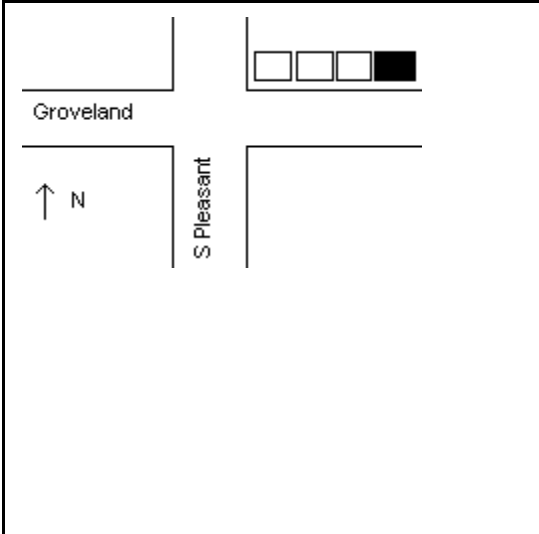
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>LOR-02033-21</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Rental Property</b>		LOR-0203 3-21
2. County <b>Lorain</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Biggs House</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>94 Groveland</b>		19a. Design Sources		Lorain 2. County
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number <b>900086107018</b>		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village <b>Oberlin</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other House Type</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s) <b>Rental Property</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oberlin</b> <b>17 398304 4571191</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Single Dwelling</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>Multiple Dwelling</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>94 Groveland</b>
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		24. Ownership <b>Private</b>		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Van D. &amp; Kathalee J. Kirkendall</b> <b>162 East Bridge St.</b> <b>Berea, OH, 44017</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>94 Groveland</b>
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage <b>Unknown</b>		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>Motor and Highway Vehicle</b> <b>Governmental Administration</b> <b>Telephone/Telegraph</b>		27. Other Surveys		6. Specific Address or Location <b>94 Groveland</b>
17. Date(s) or Period <b>c. 1874</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Two story</b>		
17b. Alteration Date(s) <b>Unknown</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>94 Groveland</b>
18. Style Class and Design <b>No academic style - Vernacular</b>		30. Foundation Material <b>Stone bearing</b>		
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction <b>Balloon/western/platform frame</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>94 Groveland</b>
19. Architect or Engineer		32. Roof Type <b>Gable</b> Roof Material <b>Asphalt shingle</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>2</b> Side Bays <b>6</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>94 Groveland</b>
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Aluminum or vinyl siding</b>		
35. Plan Shape <b>Rectangular</b>				
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: <b>17. Original/Most significant construct</b>				
17b. <b>Substantial alteration/addition</b>				
37. Window Type(s) <b>Modern Replacements</b>				
38. Building Dimensions <b>20' x 54'</b>				
39. Endangered? <b>YES</b> By What? <b>Alterations</b>				
40. Chimney Placement <b>No chimney observed</b>				
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road <b>30'</b>				
51. Condition of Property: <b>Good/Fair</b>				
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type <b>Other Outbuilding/Structure/Feature</b> Date <b>Modern</b> Associated Activity				
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)				
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) <b>This vernacular house has a south facing gable portion that is original to the house and a rear two-story gabled addition. The original front has two 1/1 double hung windows at the first story and two 6/6 double hung windows at the second story. The west elevation contains the original portion of the house to the right and the addition to the left, which includes the entrance to the house. The original body of the house has a large window that is obscured. The second story has a small, rectangular window. The addition includes a porch with a shed roof, and modern, simple wood supports and balusters. The porch extends from the addition, to the west. Lattice is below the porch. The door within the porch is at the center of the elevation and is a modern replacement. A 1/1 double hung window is to the left and right of the door. The second story has three 1/1 double hung windows. The east elevation at the original portion of the house includes a rectangular window set high in the first story and two 6/1 double hung windows. The second story has a horizontal sliding window towards the right. The addition has a modern door at the far left (center of the continued...</b>				
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <b>This house was constructed prior to 1874. The first known resident, Valentine Hebebrand, a cabinet maker, and his wife moved in. It is likely some of their children (Charles, Lizzie, Henry, George and Peter) lived in the house as well. By 1877 an agent W. H. Hudson had taken over the home. By 1883 Jacob Hunter had moved in, along with his wife Sarah, and likely several of their children: John, Mary, Rose Ellen, Eva, Jacob, Alice, Elwood, and Viola. Around 1886 a teamster, Levi Vincent, moved in with his wife Sarah. Around 1891 Walter Biggs, a drayman, his wife Carrie, their son Ford, and their daughter Ann moved in. In 1895 the Biggs gave birth to their youngest daughter Eva. In 1896 Walter Biggs was elected to the Oberlin City Council where he served for four years. In 1899 he continued...</b>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <b>A modern shed with a gambrel roof is the only outbuilding on the property. This house is located on a residential street.</b>				
45. Sources of Information <b>O-High Alumni, Internet, http://www.oberlin-high.org, Accessed January 2008.; City Directories, Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat. Oberlin Pioneer Database; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Gordon, Stephen C. 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory.' Columbus: Ohio Historical Society, 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' New York: Alfred K. Knopf Inc., 2000; 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative continued...</b>				
46. Prepared By: <b>Elizabeth Schultz</b>		47. Organization: <b>Oberlin Heritage Center</b>		48. Date Recorded: <b>11/30/2008</b>
49. PIR Reviewer:				50. PIR Review Date:

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:  
**Single off center**

Door Position:  
**Flush**

Orientation:  
**Gable end axis**

Symmetry:  
**Bilateral symmetry**

Report Associated With Project:

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

elevation), with modern, wood steps that lead to the door. Right of the door a window is 6/1 double hung, with a 1/1 double hung window to that right of that window. At the far right, there is a horizontal sliding window. The second story has three horizontal sliding windows, each of different sizes; the center window is the largest. The addition's gable is higher than the original gable.

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

underwent a career change becoming the city marshal and in 1890 ran the city hostel. He then worked as a carpenter from 1902 until his retirement in 1929. Meanwhile, in 1909 his son Ford married a woman named Sophia and moved to South Main Street. Around this time Ann moved out of the home. In 1911, the family's youngest daughter, Eva, graduated from Oberlin High School. In 1920 she took on a job as a telephone operator while continuing to live at home. Walter Biggs died in 1933 and his wife died in 1956. Eva continued to live in the home and retired from the telephone company in the 1950's. She continued to live at 94 Groveland until she died in 1986 at age 91. Today the home is a rental property owned by Van and Kathalee Kirkendall of Berea, Ohio. As of November 2008 this house was for sale.

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

*45. Sources (Con't)*

Staff, (1833-1960).' Oberlin: Oberlin College, 1961; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2008; 'Rooming House Owners Balked at City's Offer.' Oberlin News-Tribune, July 18, 2000.