

# 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)		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded	
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Bardwell House; Cargill House			
Roll #	Exp. #				Facing
Front 1	27				S
Rear 1	28	N			
6. Specific Address or Location 181 East Lorain		17. Date(s) or Period 1846	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Stone	
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 09-00-086-109-058		18. Style or Design High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Wood Frame	32. Roof: Type Gable	
7. City or Village If Rural, Township & Vicinity Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) Greek Revival	32. Roof: Pitch Steep	Material Composite Shingle	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer	33. No. Bays		
		19a. Design Sources	Front 2		
		20. Contractor or Builder	Side 4		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name		21. Building Type or Plan Single Pen	34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Vinyl Siding		
Zone	Easting	22. Original Use, if apparent Residential	35. Plan Shape Rectangular		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	23. Present Use Residential/ Rental	36. Changes (Explain in #42) Substantial alterations, Moved		
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	37. Window Type(s) Replaced		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known	38. Bldg. Dims. 24 ft. x 40 ft.		
11. On National Register ? No		26. Property Acreage .893		39. Endangered? Yes Explain: Integrity lost due to replaced features	
12. N.R. Potential ? No		27. Other Surveys in Which Included McQuillin (76)		40. Chimney Placement None- Removed	
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		28. No. of Stories 1 and 1/2		41a. Distance from road	
14. Dist. Potential ? No		29. Basement? Yes		41b. Frontage on road 82.5	
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)					
16. Thematic Association(s) Social Movements: Abolition					
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This one and one-half story cottage possesses few of its original details due to replacement windows, vinyl siding and substantial alterations. This house was moved from the corner of East Lorain and Park Streets to its present location in the early 1920's to make way for what is now a Laundromat. During this move the chimney was lost. The picture window in the front facing gable and the front porch were added after the move. The woodwork around the front door is the only evidence of original Greek Revival influence. Structural differences include the replacement of the entire rear wall and an additional staircase added to the interior. Also, the front porch stairs, which faced the (cont.)					
43. History and Significance This house was originally located at 151 East Lorain. Reverend John Payne Bardwell and his wife Cornelia came to Oberlin in 1838 from upstate New York. Both studied at the college through the early 1840s. In 1843 John Bardwell became a congregational minister and a missionary agent among the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota. He traveled through much of the 1850s, raising money for the missionary cause. In Oberlin, Cornelia kept boarders in the house. After the Civil War, Bardwell traveled south to organize schools for the freed black population. He died among (cont.)					
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) Lorain Street is State Route 511, a busy thoroughfare for traffic into and through town. The residential areas are interrupted by commercial buildings and have experienced loss of integrity due to conversion to rental and alterations to historic properties.					
46. Prepared by M. Fedelchak-Harley; J. Heaton; L. Previll					
45. Sources of Information 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.					
47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.					
48. Date Recorded 8-31-1999					
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)

street, were removed in the 1920s and repositioned to face the driveway on the east side. In 1935 the house was converted to a duplex. At some time in the 1930s the main interior stairs were torn out and reversed, they now lead to the front door instead of to the center of the first floor.

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

the Chippewa in 1871. Cornelia died 23 years later (Blodgett). In 1895 and 1896 J. W. and Mrs. L. Wallace occupied the house; from 1897 until 1920 there was either no listing or a listing as vacant (City Directory). In 1920 the house was moved to its current location (Blodgett). The former location is now a coin-operated laundromat. In 1920, 1929 and 1931-1937 Mr. Edward O. Cargill occupied the house (City Directory). In 1939 and 1942 Cicero Williams occupied the house; and in 1961 Mr. B.J. Thomas (City Directory).

This house was significant for its association Oberlin College and abolition. Today the house lacks integrity due to its changed location, lifted roof, vinyl siding and replacement windows and new dormer. The house was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in September of 1975.