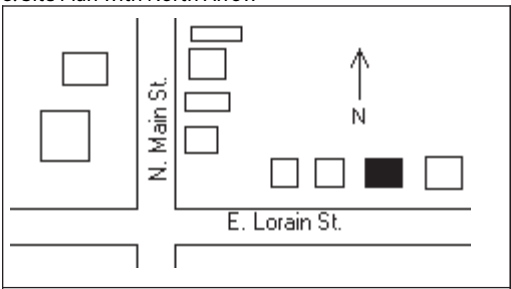


OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
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1. No. LOR-1826-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1826-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.						
Roll No. 6		Picture No.(s) 19,20		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Tillotson-Hobbs House		
6. Specific Address or Location 36 E. Lorain Street				16. Thematic Associations: Governmental Administration, COMMERCE, Food S		2. County Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900076102015				17. Date(s) or Period c. 1887		
7. City or Village Oberlin				17b. Alteration Date(s) ca. 1990+		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 				18. Style or Design Queen Anne,		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 398156 4572149 Zone Easting Northing				18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) High Style Elements		6. Specific Address or Location 36 E. Lorain Street
10. Classification: Building				19. Architect or Engineer		
11. On National Register?				19a. Design Sources		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?				20. Contractor or Builder		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)				21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) <p>This two-story home was fashioned in the Queen Anne style. The house contains asymmetrical massing and irregular floor plans typical of the style. Stone steps lead up to a full-width, porch located on the front elevation. Six metal posts support the roof of the porch and railings run along the perimeter. The front door is located in the center of the facade and is surrounded by one-over-one double hung windows (the typical window type), with one continued...</p>				22. Original Use, if apparent ...		
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <p>This house was probably built around 1887. The first known residents, Zaddock Tillotson & his wife Emma, are listed in the 1886 -7 Oberlin City Directory. In 1895, William Dayton Hobbs bought the house and moved in with his wife Gertrude and daughter Nessie. The Hobbs family remained in the house through 1948. Dayton Hobbs was a prominent businessman and baker. He began his business by buying a half share of Preston Bakery and Restaurant in 1894. Called 'The Oberlin,' Preston & Hobbs Bakery was continued...</p>				23. Present Use Multiple Dwelling, ,		
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <p>This house is located on E. Lorain St. and is the third house from the intersection of E. Lorain St. and N. Main St. A garage is not located on the property. The house appears to be in good condition and is surrounded by other buildings and homes of the same.</p>				24. Ownership Private		
45. Sources of Information <p>City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Gordon, Stephen C, '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, http://www.loraincounty.com/</p>				25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		
46. Prepared By: Clark, Surovy, Tomazic, Tuohy				26. Property Acreage .25		
47. Organization: O.H.I.O./Oberlin Heritage Center				27. Other Surveys		
48. Date Recorded: 08/02/2004						

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51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair 52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies 53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers <hr/> Door Selection: Single centered Door Position: Flush Orientation: Lateral axis with multiple smaller lateral extensi Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry	54. Farmstead Plan <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 200px; width: 100%;"></div>
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)

on each side. A bay window with three windows is located above the front door on the second floor. A gabled dormer is located in the roof directly above the bay window. The dormer contains two windows, either awning or hopper and the dormer roof echoes the main roof. A front facing gabled section is located on the left side and contains one small arched window. Another window lies below it. A two-story, circular tower is located on the right side of the front elevation that maintains a flat roof, while three windows control each story of the tower. A bay window with awning or hopper windows on the front and one-over-one windows on the sides is located on the west elevation. A window is positioned to the left of the bay window and another window is located above it. Two awning windows are situated in the stone foundation, which indicates a basement. A brick chimney is located off center, but within the ridgeline. The exterior of the house has vinyl siding, most likely an alteration from wood shingles that appear on the tower.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

first at 5 E. College and later at 15 E. College (City Directory). In 1913, Dayton built 'Hobbs Block,' a building with three store fronts on E. College St. His restaurant and bakery were in this building at 21 E. College & the Apollo movie theater was next door (Inventory). Hobbs also built the Rex movie theater at 51 S. Main. Dayton was a member of the Board of Public Affairs & the Oberlin Village Council (Oberlin News). Since the house was often used as a duplex, there were a number of other residents listed in the city directories: in 1899 WW Cressy, a professor, & his wife Mildred, a teacher; from at least 1904-1907, Anna M and Louise K Beck, who owned a Millinery store next to Hobbs' bakery at 16 E College; Mrs LA Cole in 1916; & from at least 1929-33, Marguerite & CM Smith, owner of Smith Implement & Co (City Directory). After selling his bakery in 1917, Dayton soon came out of retirement to manage the Oberlin Inn until he retired for good in 1932 (Oberlin News). Nellie was still living with her parents in 1920 and working as an athletic teacher at OC, but was gone by 1929. The Hobbs stayed through at least 1948. In 1956, June Wright, head of the Library, are listed here in 1961. By 1970 the house was vacant (City Directory). The next known owners are Richard and Vera Demby who bought it in 1989 and rented it out to students until they sold it to Edward J Conrad in 1999.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

y.com/auditor/index.shtml, Accessed 2004.; Oberlin College Off- Campus Student Concerns Office, Internet, http://www.oberlin.edu/ofcpconc/Rental_listings_Rooms.html.; 'Oberlin News,' 26 November 1919: 1.; Ohio Historic Inventory: 17, 19, 21 East College St, Oberlin, OHIO Resource Center.; 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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