

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) Hammond-Gorske Insurance		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Westervelt Building; Morris & Haylor Meat Market; McCoy Barber Shop; Pettiford Bakery; Red Lantern Pie Shop; Burgner Insurance; 2nd Floor: Upton Photo Gallery; E.D. Lowery, Painter; J.L. Kinney		
Roll #	Exp. #			
Front 1	12	E		
Rear 2	16	W		
6. Specific Address or Location 21 South Main Street		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1872	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material Stone
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 09-00-085-102-009		18. Style or Design Italianate	High Style <input type="checkbox"/> Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Brick
7. City or Village Oberlin		19. Architect or Engineer		32. Roof: Type Other Pitch Low Material Tar
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19a. Design Sources		33. No. Bays Front three Side two
		20. Contractor or Builder		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Rusticated Brick
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Building Type or Plan Other		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
Zone	Easting	Northing		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		37. Window Type(s) Other
10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		23. Present Use Insurance and Realty		38. Bldg. Dims. 22 ft. X 102 ft.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		39. Endangered? no Explain:
11. On National Register ? no		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		40. Chimney Placement Lateral Wall Flush
12. N.R. Potential ? no		26. Property Acreage .052		41a. Distance from road 12.5 ft.
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? no		27. Other Surveys in Which Included Dobson-Brown (92)		41b. Frontage on road 22 ft.
14. Dist. Potential ? yes		28. No. of Stories 2		
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		29. Basement? Yes		
16. Thematic Association(s) Commerce		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This two story commercial building has an altered storefront with recessed doorway on north side. The second floor windows are six over six, double hung with brick hood molding and semi-elliptical brick arches set in a stepped pattern with added wood shutters. Parapet level has a recessed cross motif and brick banding. Shutters have been added		
43. History and Significance Built between 1871 and 1877, this new two story structure was not heavily damaged in the fire of 1882. This was the building that stopped the fire from destroying the entire east side of South Main. In 1926 it was owned by Mr. Westervelt and sold to an insurance and real estate business, the Louis F. Burgner Agency. Paul Gorske and his sister, Mrs. Sperry, both employed in the agency, purchased the business in 1948 changing the name to Sperry-Gorske Agency, Inc. In 1975 Paul and Jackie Gorske purchased Mr. Sperry's interest.				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) This building is on of the many structures that comprise the core of South Main's downtown commercial district.				
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 News".		46. Prepared by		
		47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.		
		48. Date Recorded 12/8/1998		
		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	no _____	no _____
Privy	no _____	no _____
Cistern	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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