



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-4792-21 REV
4. Present Name(s) American Automobile Association (AAA) Building
2. County Lorain
5. Historic or Other Name(s) People's Bank
6. Specific Address or Location 49 S. Main
19a. Design Sources
35. Plan Shape Rectangular
20. Contractor or Builder
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900086102020
21. Building Type or Plan Organization/Association
22. Original Use, if apparent Financial institution
7. City or Village Oberlin
23. Present Use Organization/Association
9. U.T.M. Reference
Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
17 398088 4571706
24. Ownership Private
Zone Easting Northing
25. Owner's Name & Address, if known
10. Classification: Building
11. On National Register? NO
26. Property Acreage 0.82
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? YES
27. Other Surveys
15. Other Designation (NR or Local) Downtown Oberlin Historic District
28. No. of Stories One story
16. Thematic Associations: Auto Trade School Bank
29. Basement?
30. Foundation Material Poured concrete
17. Date(s) or Period c. 1960 17b. Alteration Date(s)
31. Wall Construction Metal/steel frame
18. Style Class and Design
Dominant Modern Movements
Element Wrightian
32. Roof Type Truncated hip
Roof Material Asphalt shingle
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)
33. No. of Bays 2 Side Bays 3
19. Architect or Engineer
34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Flush horizontal siding
35. Plan Shape Rectangular
36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct
17b.
37. Window Type(s) Storefront Other
38. Building Dimensions 48' x 100'
39. Endangered? NO
By What?
40. Chimney Placement No chimney observed
41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Date Associated Activity
53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI) Archaeological (OAI)

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)
The front section of this modern building has a low truncated hipped roof that extends beyond the building on the west and northwest elevations. From the south, east, and northeast, the roof appears flat. Viewed from the west, the roof has a false dentil molding effect & a thick cornice. Three piers covered with wood siding project from the front of the building, although not as far as the roof. Each pier supports a sconce with an electric 'candle' enclosed in a clear vinyl or plastic box. Between the center & south piers, the entrance projects, although less than the piers. The entrance is composed of double doors with a transom; the transom & the top half of the doors are made of decorative, beveled leaded glass. The bottom halves of the doors are made of a panel of wood & each door has a handle made of a brassy material. 2 sheet glass windows are recessed from the entry. 4 sheet glass windows are located between the central & northern piers. A rock-faced geometric plant box is located between the entry & the northern corner of the building. A glass-fronted display case, which contains dentil molding is located to the south of the southern pier. continued...

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)
49 S. Main has always been a place of business. The address first appears in the City Directories in 1899; the current building, however, seems to have been constructed sometime between 1956, when the Oberlin School of Commerce and Oberlin Bike and Appliance were listed at this address, and 1961, by which time the Lorain County Savings and Trust Co., later called the People's Bank, had opened its doors on this site. This bank stayed here until 1986, and another bank inhabited the building through the 1990s. In 1999 the Ohio Motorist Association (AAA) set up office here, altering the exterior somewhat to create more of a log cabin feel. The previous building on this site, erected prior to 1899, housed (in succession) a dry goods store, the Oberlin Gas and Electric Co., a barbershop, and a continued...

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)
This building is at the southern end of the busy downtown section of Oberlin. It is situated between Main Street to the west, a parking lot to the east, & alleys to the south and north

45. Sources of Information
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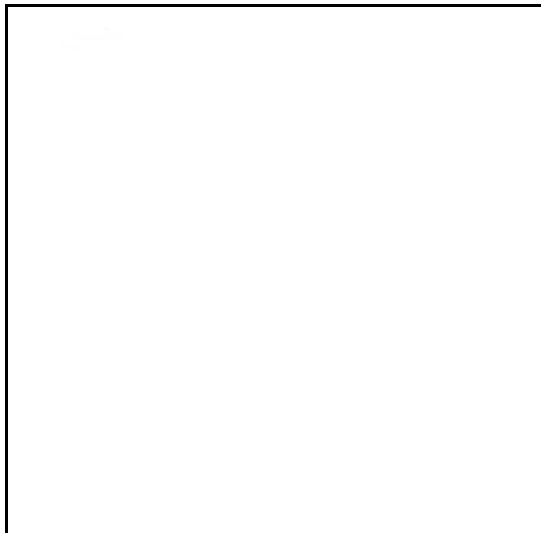
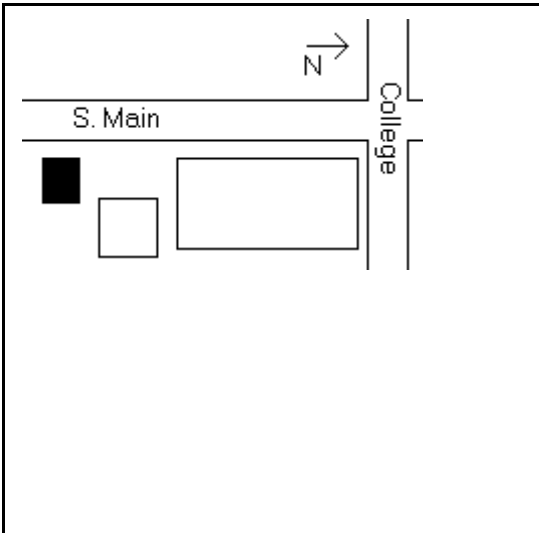
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Two doors asymmetrical

Door Position:
Recessed

Orientation:
Lateral axis

Symmetry:
Other

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:



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

An angled rock-faced rectangular tower, resembling a chimney, extends above the roof, and is located behind the display case, from the entry to the southern corner. On the southern elevation of the building, the rock-faced tower is visible & constitutes roughly one-tenth of the wall's total length. The rest of the southern elevation, as well as the eastern and northern elevations, are made of stretcher or running bond-patterned brick. The southern elevation also includes occasional glass blocks that form a geometric pattern. In the eastern elevation, there is a modern door, the upper half of which is made of beveled leaded glass & the bottom half of which is made of one panel of wood. The door is covered with a cloth awning. 4 plate glass windows with stone slip sills are also located at the east elevation. The northern elevation includes 4 plate glass windows, 1 with a 'regular' stone slip sill & 3 with wide stone slip sills. The roof overhangs approximately one-half of this elevation and covers the section of the building with the 3 windows that have wide sills.

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

grocer before the Oberlin School of Commerce and the bike shop in the 1950s.

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

45. *Sources (Con't)*

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