


OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
614/298-2000



1. No. LOR-1719-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1719-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen						
Roll No. 11		Picture No.(s) 29,30		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Marsh-Walker House		2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 38 Morgan Street		16. Thematic Associations: Hotel/Inn, Grain Farm, Public Education		28. No. of Stories Two and a half story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-085-113-019		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1900		17b. Alteration Date(s)		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village If Rural, Township & Vicinity Oberlin		18. Style or Design Queen Anne,		High Style Elements		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		29. Basement? Yes		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
		19. Architect or Engineer		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin		19a. Design Sources		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
17 397951 4571136 Zone Easting Northing		20. Contractor or Builder		32. Roof Type Cross gable Roof Material Slate		
10. Classification: Building		21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type		33. No. of Bays 2 Side Bays Irregular		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
11. On National Register?		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, , ,		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Clapboard or weatherboard		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		23. Present Use Single Dwelling, ,		35. Plan Shape Rectangular		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		24. Ownership Private		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1,		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
		26. Property Acreage .22		38. Building Dimensions 40 x 26		
		27. Other Surveys		39. Endangered? By What?		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
				40. Chimney Placement Off center within roof surface		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 25'		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 38 Morgan Street
<p>This house is an example of a fairly simple Queen Anne, early 20th century house. The house has a full front porch, with a pediment in its roof at the left side, marking the steps that lead up to the entry. Square supports and balusters run along the porch, which has lattice below. The door is located at the left, and contains a window in its upper portion. A one-over-one window is located to the right. The second story has a projecting bay at continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 38 Morgan Street
<p>This house was built in the early 1900s and the first residents were the Marsh family. Abby Vanderburgh and Harry Turner Marsh were married in 1887. H.T. Marsh attended Oberlin College from 1881-1884. They had two children, Irving L. and Harry V. Harry was manager of the Oberlin Tribune. In 1907, he was elected clerk of the Oberlin City Council, re-elected in 1911, but resigned in 1912. The son, Irving, married Clara L. Ridenour in Sandusky. He soon became the manager of Park Hotel in continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						6. Specific Address or Location 38 Morgan Street
<p>A detached, two-car garage is located behind the house, which appears to be in good condition. Other well-maintained homes surround the house.</p>						
45. Sources of Information						6. Specific Address or Location 38 Morgan Street
<p>'H.T. Marsh to succeed Kinney as Tribune Manager,' 'Oberlin News,' 23 July 1907: 1.; 'Dies, Baby Son of the Walter H. Walkers,' 'Oberlin News,' 20 August 1907: 5.; 'H.T. Marsh appointed to Council Clerkship,' 'Oberlin News,' 24 September 1907: 7.; 'Irving L. Marsh married Clara L. Ridenour, in continued...</p>						

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51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair	54. Farmstead Plan
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies	
53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers	
Door Selection: Single centered	
Door Position: Flush	
Orientation: Gable end axis	
Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry	
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)

the left side with one-over-one windows at each side. Another of the same window, with shutters, is located on the right side. A pair of smaller one-over-one windows with shutters is located in the gable. Exposed rafters are visible below the eaves. The west elevation contains a door at the center, with a window above, which has decorative mullions in the upper sash. At the first story, a fixed window is located on the right side, and a pair of one-over-one windows is located to the left. The second story has one-over-one windows at the left and right, with a smaller window located right of center. The attic contains a one-over-one window in the gable. A small porch is located at the rear, and has square balusters. The east elevation has a square, projecting bay at the right side of the first story, and a large one-over-one window at the left side. A stringcourse runs between the first and second stories, and a window is located in the attic, which is obscured by large trees.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Oberlin. Irving' s family moved east in 1918 and he died in 1932. In 1910, Roland J. Osborne was living with the Marsh family. Milan S. McCarthy is the only listed resident here in 1916. By 1927, Walter H. Walker lived here with his wife Cora C, uncle E.N. Walker, and son Alvah. Walter was secretary and manager of the Oberlin Grain and Milling Company, which later became the feed store Oberlin Elevator Company. Alvah was a clerk, the owner and operator of the Oberlin Hardware Store, and a supervisor in the Oberlin College Buildings and Grounds department. Alvah' s wife, Bett S. also lived here with the family. She was a clerk and later a teacher at Firelands School. They had two children, Brenda and John. Alvah died in 1977 of a heart attack and Betty died in 1980. The Walker family lived in this house for almost 60 years. In 1995, Mathis Szykowski and Carol G. Collett owned this house. It was purchased in 1996 by Carol Brooker Graham.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

Sandusky, ' Oberlin News,' 21 February 1912: 1.; ' Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Marsh: Surprise Party, 25th wedding anniversary,' ' Oberlin News,' 11 1912: 5; ' H.T. Marsh: Village Clerk Resigns,' ' Oberlin News,' 25 September 1912: 1.; ' Irving L. Marsh: New Manager, Park Hotel,' ' Oberlin Nev January 1913: 1.; ' Irving L. Marsh: Park Hotel Manager plans restaurant,' ' Oberlin News,' 12 March 1913: 1.; ' Irving L. Marsh: Park Hotel Manag resigns, takes bank position in NYC,' ' Oberlin News,' 28 February 1918: 5.; Phillips, Wilbur H., ' Oberlin Colony, the Story of a Century,' Oberlin, 1933.; ' Alvah Walker dies at 66; heart attack,' ' Oberlin News-Tribune,' 14 April 1977: 2.; Blodgett, Geoffrey, ' Oberlin Architecture, College and Tr A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Lorain Countv Court House. Auditor Property Record. Internet. <http://www.loraincountv.com/auditor/index.shtml>. Accessed 2003.; Sanborn Fire Insurance

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Rental Property

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