

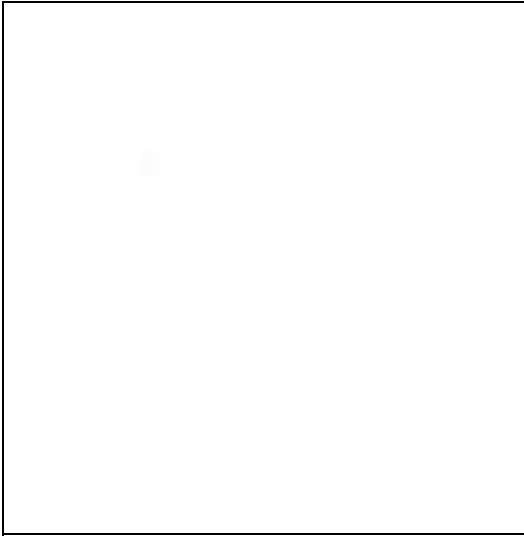
OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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



1. No. LOR-1856-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1856-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.						
Roll No. 1	Picture No.(s) 6,7	5. Historic or Other Name(s) Shanks-Wall-Wahl House				
6. Specific Address or Location 225 S. Pleasant St.		16. Thematic Associations: New York Central, College,		28. No. of Stories Two story		2. County Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900096106009		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1894	17b. Alteration Date(s)	29. Basement? Yes		
7. City or Village Oberlin		18. Style or Design Italianate,		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
If Rural, Township & Vicinity		High Style		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		Elements		32. Roof Type Pyramidal		
		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		33. No. of Bays 3		
		19. Architect or Engineer		Side Bays 5		
9. U.T.M. Reference		19a. Design Sources		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Narrow horizontal siding		
Quadrangle Name: Oberlin		20. Contractor or Builder		35. Plan Shape Rectangular		
17 398264 4570943	Zone Easting Northing	21. Building Type or Plan Side Hallway		36. Changes (Explain in #42)		
10. Classification: Building		22. Original Use, if apparent ...		Addition Yes Altered Yes Moved		
11. On National Register?		23. Present Use Single Dwelling, ,		37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1,		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		24. Ownership Private		38. Building Dimensions unknown		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		39. Endangered? By What?		
		26. Property Acreage .25		40. Chimney Placement Center		
		27. Other Surveys		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Dist: 20' & Frontage: 66'		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						
<p>This two story, side hallway Italianate home can be entered from an eight-paned door located on the right side of the front elevation. Two one-over-one, double-hung windows are situated on the left side. Most of the windows on the house are one-over-one, double hung and adorned with a triangular pediment. Many of the windows appear to be replacements. Stone steps lead up to the full-width covered porch that is supported by three columns. A continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>This house was probably built about 1894. The first resident seems to be George Shanks, a tinner with Huckins & Huckins, a plumber, steamfitter, furnace repairman, & slater, who probably moved into the house in 1894, the same year he married his wife Lena (Holsworth). They had one child, Estella. After George's death in 1931, Lena stayed on until about 1935 when Eleanor & Ray Grundy, an employee at Oberlin Elevator Co, moved in. By 1939, John W Wall, a nephew of George Shanks, was living here continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>The house is situated on east side of S. Pleasant St. and is the third house from the intersection of Edison St. and S. Pleasant St. A garage is not located on the property. The house is in a state of disrepair, but is surrounded by homes that have been well maintained.</p>						
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 continued...</p>						
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51. Condition of Property: Deteriorated	54. Farmstead Plan
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies	
53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers	
Door Selection: Single off center	
Door Position: Flush	
Orientation: Lateral axis	
Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry	
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)

balustrade runs along the perimeter of the porch. Brackets and bracketed cornices, typical of the Italianate style, are located under the low-pitched, pyramidal roof. The south elevation appears to contain several windows and a small covered porch with an entrance into the house. The south elevation is obscured by a lot of foliage. A bay window situated on the stone foundation is located on the north elevation and contains three windows and decorative brackets at the top. Another window is to the left of the bay window and two windows are located above these in the second story. The north elevation indicates a rear one-story addition that contains two windows with a door in the middle and a flat roof that begins to slope upward. A brick chimney is located in the center of the house.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

with his wife Miriam & their four children. John had a variety of jobs, working at Superior Cleaner, moth-proofing, & being a watchman & baggage agent at NYC Railroad (City Directory). John W Wall Jr. stayed with his parents through at least 1961 as he served in the Air Force & later worked at OC. The 1970 city directory lists Annabelle & William Wahl, a foundry worker. The Wahls continued to own this house until 2003.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

y.com/auditor/index.shtml, Accessed 2004.; 'Oberlin College Fussers: Employee Directory,' Internet, <http://www.oberlin.edu/fussers/NBRO0003.htm>, Accessed 2004.; 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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