

# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office  
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1. No.	2. County <b>LOR</b>	4. Present Name(s) <b>Baldwin Cottage (Women's Collective)</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded									
3. Location of Negatives <b>O.H.I.O. Resource</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Baldwin Cottage</b>											
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6. Specific Address or Location <b>30 South Professor</b>		17. Date(s) or Period <b>1886-7</b>	17b. Alteration Date(s)	30. Foundation Material <b>Stone</b>									
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number <b>09-00-085-107-038</b>		18. Style or Design <b>Queen Anne</b>	High Style <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction <b>Stone Bearing</b>									
7. City or Village <b>Oberlin</b>		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s) <b>Richardson Romanesque</b>	Elements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	32. Roof: Type <b>Gable</b> Pitch <b>Steep</b> Material <b>Asphalt Shingle</b>									
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer <b>Frank Weary and George Kramer, Akron, Ohio</b>	19a. Design Sources	33. No. Bays Front <b>irregular</b> Side									
		20. Contractor or Builder <b>Doerbach and Decker</b>	34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Stone, Rock-Faced Ashlar</b>										
		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Other Building</b>	35. Plan Shape <b>Other</b>										
9. U.T.M. Reference		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>College Dormitory</b>	36. Changes (Explain in #42) <b>Altered, Minimal</b>										
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10. <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	38. Bldg. Dims. <b>55 ft. X 87 ft.</b>										
11. On National Register ? <b>Yes</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Oberlin College</b>	39. Endangered? <b>No</b> Explain:										
12. N.R. Potential ?		26. Property Acreage <b>1.689</b>	40. Chimney Placement										
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? <b>No</b>		27. Other Surveys in Which Included <b>McQuillin (76)</b>	41a. Distance from road										
14. Dist. Potential ?		28. No. of Stories <b>2 and 1/2</b>	41b. Frontage on road <b>55 ft.</b>										
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local) <b>NR: Oberlin College thematic nomination</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>											
16. Thematic Association(s) <b>Education: Parochial/private: Higher</b>													
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features <p>This two-and-one-half-story, ashlar building with red mortar, has elements of Queen Anne and Richardsonian Romanesque Styles. The first story walls are constructed of irregularly cut stone blocks, that are laid in a pattern on the second story. The irregular cross-gable roof has multiple shed dormers on the north and south sides of the building. A wide eyebrow window faces front, between two asymmetrical masses: a tower and a gable roof section. A three-story domed tower on the north side of the front façade has an eight-sided roof, with slight bell curves and a large finial. The steps leading to the front double doors are behind the slightly off-center pair of identical arches along the front façade. To the south of the entrance is a three-story gable end, with one-over-one, double-hung windows. (cont.)</p>													
43. History and Significance <p>The construction of Baldwin Cottage began in 1886, and it was completed in the spring of 1887. It is named for Mr. Elbert I. Baldwin, of Cleveland, who gave \$20,000 for its construction. Mr. Baldwin later contributed \$1,500 for an addition at the west of the building. Weary and Kramer, of Akron, were the architects. The total cost, including furnishings, was \$40,000. In 1903 Baldwin was a dormitory for 35 women and it provided meals for an additional 25 male students, the price for meals was \$3.25 per week and for room it varied between \$54 and \$78 per year. The Dean of Women lived in Baldwin Cottage (OC General Catalogue). (cont.)</p>													
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) <p>This building is located on South Professor Street, one building south of the intersection with College Street. It is part of the college campus and in an area with heavy pedestrian traffic.</p>													
45. Sources of Information <p>Lorain County Courthouse: Lorain County tax records. O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files; Oberlin College General Catalogue, 1908.</p>													
			46. Prepared by <b>M. Fedelchak Harley; L. Previll</b>										
			47. Organization <b>O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.</b>										
			48. Date Recorded <b>10-13-2000</b>										
			49. Revised by										
			50a. Date Revised										
			50b. Reviewed by										

51. Condition of Property

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruin
<input 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 _____	No _____
Foundation	No _____	Yes _____
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)

and one arched window on the first story. A squared bay with windows protrudes from the first-story corner on the building's south side. The front gable end has raised carvings of flowering vines around the year '1885.' More of these carvings are along the cornice line of the tower. The rear of the building has a two-story, gable roof, wood frame addition, with wood shingles and slightly belled walls. A handicap access ramp, constructed in the last 15 years, provides access to the rear entrance. Other alterations can be found in the interior living spaces and the replacement asphalt shingles on the roof. This building has a small dining hall.

43. History and Significance (Continued from page 1.)

This building is significant for its architect, its architecture, and for its long service as student housing. Baldwin Cottage was listed on the National Register in 1978 as part of the Oberlin College thematic nomination in 1978. It was listed by the City of Oberlin as an Oberlin Historic Landmark in 1975.