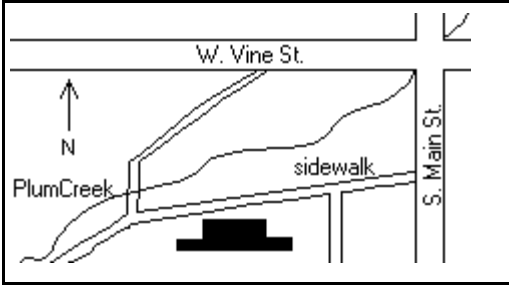


OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
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1. No. LOR-1882-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s) Soldier's Monument/War Memorial		1 No LOR-1882-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.						
Roll No. 7	Picture No.(s) 2, 3, 4		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Soldier's Monument/War Memorial			2 County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location South Main Street		16. Thematic Associations: MILITARY/DEFENSE, Public Spaces,		28. No. of Stories One story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900085113021		17. Date(s) or Period 1870	17b. Alteration Date(s) 1943-, 1983-, 2000		29. Basement? 	
7. City or Village Oberlin If Rural, Township & Vicinity		18. Style or Design 		High Style	30. Foundation Material Poured concrete	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s) 		Elements	31. Wall Construction Brick bearing	
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 397947 4571516 Zone Easting Northing		19. Architect or Engineer William Hoskins Brown		32. Roof Type 		4 Present or Historic Name(s) Soldier's Monument/War Memorial
10. Classification: Structure		19a. Design Sources 		Roof Material 		
11. On National Register?		20. Contractor or Builder 		33. No. of Bays Side Bays		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		21. Building Type or Plan 		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Running Stretcher bond		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		22. Original Use, if apparent Ceremonial Structure/Space, DEFENSE/FORTIFIED/		35. Plan Shape Rectangular		
		23. Present Use Ceremonial Structure/Space, DEFENSE/FORTIFIED/		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved		
		24. Ownership Public		37. Window Type(s) 		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known 		38. Building Dimensions 		
		26. Property Acreage unknown		39. Endangered? By What?		
		27. Other Surveys 		40. Chimney Placement No chimney observed		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Dist: 60' & Frontage: unknown		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						
<p>Stone steps lead up to the simple brick terraced wall monument designed by William Hoskins Brown honoring the Oberlin casualties of all wars since 1861. Rectangular stones placed beside each other create the floor. The monument stands about ten to twelve feet tall and is composed of two different brick patterns, the main one is a stretcher bond pattern, while a Flemish bond is located on the sides of the monument and are slightly recessed. The continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>The Plum Creek Pathway was built thanks to the efforts of Adelia A. Field Johnston (1837-1910), one of the founders of the Oberlin Village Improvement Society, a predecessor to today's O.H.I.O. The first woman to be given faculty status at Oberlin College, she had an active career as a professor of medieval history and as dean of women. Next to Plum Creek stands the Soldiers' Monument. The marble slabs bearing the names of Oberlin soldiers who died in the Civil War were originally incorporated continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>Soldier's Monument is located in Wright Park on the corner of W. Vine St. and S. Main St. The memorial wall is located on the south side of Plum Creek. A sidewalk is located in the park, which walks right in front of the monument, which is in good condition and very accessible.</p>						
45. Sources of Information						
<p>'Biking Tour of Historic Oberlin,' OHIO, 2002.; 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, 1992.; Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee, 'A Field Guide to continued...</p>						
46. Prepared By: Clark, Surovy, Tuohy, Tomazic		47. Organization: O.H.I.O./ Oberlin Heritage Center		48. Date Recorded: 08/02/2004		

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51. Condition of Property: **Good/Fair**

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection:

Door Position:

Orientation:

Symmetry:

FOR OHPO USE:

49. Revised By:

50a. Date Revised:

50b. Reviewed by:

RPR Number:

54. Farmstead Plan

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

brick sides began to become shorter and step down. An inscription in the stone steps reads, "In this monument erected in 1942 incorporated the marble tablets and architectural details from the soldiers monument designed by Charles H. Churchill erected 1870 dismantled 1935". There are several marble tablets with inscriptions on the memorial wall that came from the original Gothic Revival monument. The four large tablets are curved at the top and are surrounded by brick stilted arches. Brick ends comprise a continuous sill located under all of the large tablets. Two plaques located at the ends are for the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. The marble tablet in the center at the top reads "To the men of Oberlin who have died in service of our country". Five spotlights are located in the floor of the memorial.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

into a different monument, a Gothic Revival structure built in 1870 by architect Professor Charles H. Churchill that used to stand where the Conservatory is now. However, in the 1930s, when patriotism was running low and the general Oberlin populace was anti-war, the aging monument was dismantled and the marble tablets were put in storage. When World War II began, Oberlin viewed its veterans more favorably, and in 1943, the tablets were reincorporated into the present monument designed by William Hoskins Brown, along with new tablets memorializing Oberlin soldiers from the Spanish Civil War, both World Wars, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict. The earth bank behind the monument threatened to push it into Plum Creek, but in 1983, the monument was restored and stabilized in time for Oberlin's sesquicentennial celebration. In 1998, the monument was once again in bad shape, so the City council approved the complete rebuilding of it, which was dedicated on Mat 29, 1999.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

American Houses,' Alfred K. Knopf Inc., New York, 2000.; Lothrop, Richard. 'Parade is gone, but memorial remains,' "Elm Street Thoughts" Oberlin News-Tribune. 29 May 2001.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Gordon, Stephen C.

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