

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
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1. No.	2. County LOR	4. Present Name(s)		<input type="checkbox"/> Coded
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Ctr.		5. Historic or OtherName(s) Williams House, Hall House, Jackson House		
Roll #	Exp. #			
Front	6	18		
S. Side	6	19		
6. Specific Address or Location 26 North Cedar Street		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1927-1929	17b. Alteration Date(s) 1982	30. Foundation Material Unknown
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-085-101-045		18. Style or Design No academic style - vernacular	High Style <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Wall Construction Balloon Frame/Western Frame/Platform
7. City or Village Oberlin		18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)		32. Roof: Type Hipped Gable Pitch Moderate Material Asphalt Shingle
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		19. Architect or Engineer Unknown		33. No. Bays Front 2 Side irregular
		19a. Design Sources Unknown		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Wood, Shingle
		20. Contractor or Builder Jackson		35. Plan Shape Rectangular
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Building Type or Plan Other House		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Altered, Minimal
Zone		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling		37. Window Type(s) 4 over 1, 6 over 1, 8 or more over 1,
Easting		23. Present Use Single Dwelling		38. Bldg. Dims. 24 x 48 ft.
Northing		24. Ownership <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		39. Endangered? No Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		40. Chimney Placement Off Center Within Roof Surface
11. On National Register ? No		26. Property Acreage .2		41a. Distance from road approx. 40'
12. N.R. Potential ? No		27. Other Surveys in Which Included No		41b. Frontage on road 44 ft.
13. Part of Estb Hist Dist? No		28. No. of Stories 2		
14. Dist. Potential ? No		29. Basement? Yes		
15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features This house looks like a northern European cottage. The front door of the house, at the northeast corner, is shrouded by a screened-in, recessed porch, supported by round arches covered in the same painted shingles as the rest of the house. The porch projects just a few inches from the front of the house, and that projection is covered by a small section of roof. The first floor has a rectangular bay window on the south side, and farther toward the back a few steps lead up to a side door. The end of the hipped gable faces the street, and all the edges of the roof (incl. dormers) are exaggeratedly bull-nosed. Both the north and south sides have three gabled dormers on the second floor.		
16. Thematic Association(s) Arts - Journalism, Agriculture - Greenhouses				
43. History and Significance According to inventory research done by Brad Hayes in July 1994, this house was built in the late 1920s by a contractor named Jackson. C. M. Williams lived here in 1929. By 1933, Charles H. Hall had moved in, and then Mrs. Edith Hall lived here from 1937 until at least 1942. By 1956, Mrs. Marie Jackson moved in, and stayed until at least 1961 (City Directories). The house sits on the former site of Harry A. Cook's greenhouse business, which was, fittingly, on the site of the longtime home of florist Andrew R. Congdon and his mother, (cont.)				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52) There are driveways on both sides of the house, but no garage. In the back yard there is a tool shed, painted the same colors as the house. The house is located in a fairly quiet residential neighborhood.				
45. Sources of Information O.H.I.O. Resource Center: Oberlin City Directories. Lorain County Courthouse, Auditor Property Records, 2001. Internet. http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml . Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission Files. O.H.I.O. Resource Center Files. Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pat Holsworth, Oberlin Pioneer Database. Oberlin College Yearbooks, O.H.I.O. Resource Center.		46. Prepared by H. Petersen, M. Franck, D. Musson, and O.H.I.O. Interns		
		47. Organization O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.		
		48. Date Recorded 12/16/2002		
		49 Revised by		
		50a. Date Revised		
		50b. Reviewed by		

51. Condition of Property

- Excellent
 Ruin
 Good/Fair
 Destroyed/Burned
 Deteriorated
 Date _____

54. Farmstead Plan



52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

- Corn Crib or Shed
 Summer Kitchen
 Silo
 Smoke House
 Spring House
 Ice House
 Designed Landscape Features
 Privy
 Garage

53. Affiliated OAI Site Number(s) _____

OAI Completed? _____

Archaeological Feature:	Observed	Expected on Basis of Archival Research
Well	_____	_____
Privy	_____	_____
Cistern	_____	_____
Foundation	_____	_____
Structural Rubble	_____	_____
Formal Trash Dump	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued from page 1)

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Martha Rawson Congdon (Sanborn maps, Directories). Andrew's floral shop was located at 35 W. College. Martha had earned a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College in 1847 (the same year as feminist pioneers Lucy Stone and Antoinette Brown) and a master's degree in 1860, and went on to work as a newspaper reporter for the Cleveland Leader (Holsworth).