

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)

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

which pairs students with older community members, and another is America Reads, through which the Oberlin College Center for Service and Learning places college students in elementary school classrooms to tutor elementary students in reading. Another is America Counts, through which Oberlin Community Services places college students to serve as math tutors for elementary students, and another is the Ecological Design Innovation Center project in which Eastwood students helped build a tool shed in the schoolyard with environmentally-friendly materials.

Eastwood School stands on the former site of Maria Ann Alexander Gibbs' home, on land once owned by John Mercer Langston. Maria Ann Alexander was sent to Oberlin College in 1852 by her mother, Lucy Alexander, who had been born in Kentucky in 1803 and worked hard to send her children to be educated at Oberlin (Biggestone). Lucy was an African American, but it is unknown whether she was ever enslaved. Maria Ann Alexander graduated from Oberlin with a Literary Degree in 1854, married politician Mifflin Wistar Gibbs, and moved to Vancouver Island, Canada, where she had five children (Holsworth). She returned to Oberlin in 1870 and bought the land where Eastwood currently stands from John Mercer Langston, an Oberlin alumnus who was the first African American lawyer in Ohio and an important civil rights leader (Holsworth). Maria lived on the site with one of her daughters, Harriette Aletha Gibbs, who worked as a teacher while earning a Bachelor of Music degree from the Oberlin Conservatory during the 1890s (Holsworth). Maria died in 1904 in Washington, DC, but is buried in Oberlin (Holsworth).