



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

1. No. LOR-02142-21		4. Present Name(s) John Winch House		2-21 LOR-0214
2. County Lorain		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Brown House		
6. Specific Address or Location 417 East Lorain		19a. Design Sources		2. County Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900087102019		20. Contractor or Builder		
7. City or Village Oberlin		21. Building Type or Plan Non-discernable House Type		4. Present or Historic Name(s) John Winch House
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 399351 4572071 Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling		
10. Classification: Building		23. Present Use Single Dwelling		35. Plan Shape Square
11. On National Register? NO		24. Ownership Private		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known John Winch		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct 17b.
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage 0.6		
16. Thematic Associations: Residential		27. Other Surveys		37. Window Type(s) Modern Replacements
17. Date(s) or Period 1956		28. No. of Stories Two story		
18. Style Class and Design No academic style - Vernacular		29. Basement? No		38. Building Dimensions 30'x30'
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Concrete block		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame		39. Endangered? NO By What?
		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 2		40. Chimney Placement Gable end, exterior
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Aluminum or vinyl siding		
		35. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI)		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 40'
		Archaeological (OAI)		

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)
This simple, two-story, three-bay, gable-front house sits on a concrete block foundation. The exterior is comprised of aluminum siding and the windows have shutters and brick sills. The north-facing facade features a central entry comprised of a c.1960 wood door, which has three lights arranged in a stepped pattern. The entry sits within a single-bay porch, with a cement stoop that sits flat on the ground. The nearly-flat roof of the porch has 'wrought iron' supports in a floral motif. Paired casement windows are to the right of the door. The second story has three one-over-one double hung windows, which appear to be vinyl replacements. The west elevation features paired casement windows at the left side of the first story and a smaller pair of casements at the right. The second story has a one-over-one double hung window at the left. The east elevation has one-over-one double hung windows at the left and right sides of the first story. The second story has paired casement windows to the right (they are not aligned in a symmetrical manner with the first story window). An exterior chimney sits on the ridgeline at the rear of the house.

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)
The Lorain County Auditor lists the construction date of this house as 1956. The first known owners were Joe E. and Elsie M. Brown beginning in 1961. Joe was listed as a driveway contractor. Following the 1970s the Browns do not appear to be residents although they remained owners through about 2005. The current owner is John Winch.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)
This house has a large lawn, bordered by trees, and is located on busy road near the edge of town. Two large evergreen trees obscure the corner of the facade. A small (not historic) shed sits behind the house. A gravel driveway runs along the west elevation.

45. Sources of Information
O-High Alumini, Internet, <http://www.oberlin-high.org>, Accessed December 2010; City Directories, Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center; Holsworth, Pat. Oberlin Pioneer Database; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps; Gordon, Stephen C. 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory.' Columbus: Ohio Historical Society, 1992; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' New York: Alfred K. Knopf Inc., 2000; 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative continued...

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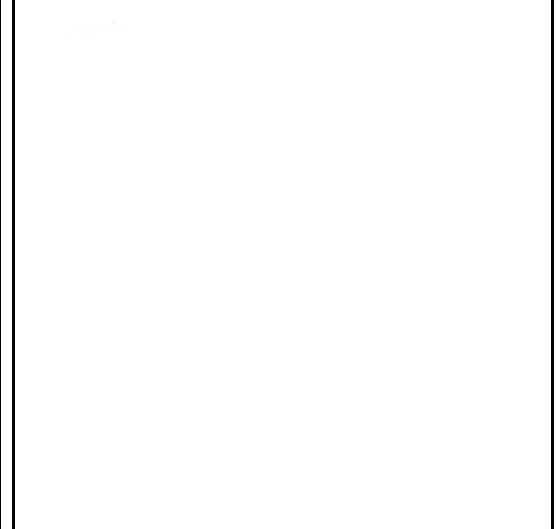
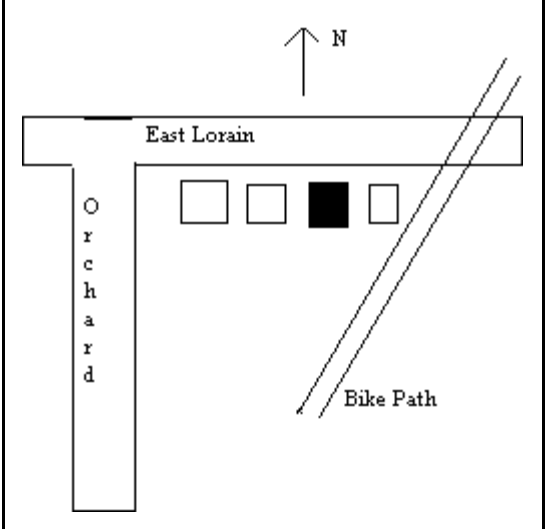
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Single off center

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable end axis

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

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45. *Sources (Con't)*
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