

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office

567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
614/298-2000



1. No. LOR-1827-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s) Locke's Garden Center		1. No. LOR-1827-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O.						
Roll No. 6	Picture No.(s) 17,18	5. Historic or Other Name(s) Locke House				
6. Specific Address or Location 461 E. Lorain Street		16. Thematic Associations: Grocery, Sports,		28. No. of Stories One story		2. County Lorain
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900087103009		17. Date(s) or Period 1964	17b. Alteration Date(s)	29. Basement? Unknown		
7. City or Village Oberlin If Rural, Township & Vicinity		18. Style or Design No academic style - Vernacular,		30. Foundation Material Poured concrete		4. Present or Historic Name(s) Locke's Garden Center
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		31. Wall Construction Balloon frame/western frame/pla		
		19. Architect or Engineer		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material Asphalt shingle		
		19a. Design Sources		33. No. of Bays 7 Side Bays 2		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 399503 4572072 Zone Easting Northing		20. Contractor or Builder		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Wood		
10. Classification: Building		21. Building Type or Plan Ranch		35. Plan Shape Rectangular		
11. On National Register?		22. Original Use, if apparent Retail store/shop, ,		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Yes Moved Yes		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		23. Present Use Retail store/shop, ,		37. Window Type(s) Other,		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		24. Ownership Private		38. Building Dimensions 25' x 90'		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Locke's Garden Center Inc. 461 E. Lorain Street Oberlin, OH 44074		39. Endangered? By What?		
		26. Property Acreage 3.77		40. Chimney Placement Gable end, flush		
		27. Other Surveys		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Dist: 50' & Frontage: 319'		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						
<p>This vernacular building was built in the ranch style with a moderately pitched gabled roof. The one-story building has a long, rectangular plan. The front elevation maintains a door located in the center that is flush with the exterior wall. Six, six-light windows are located on the front facade, three on each side of the door. A covered area with a flat roof is located on the west elevation, while an enclosed one story, flat roofed addition is continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>The building that Locke's Garden Center is housed in today was moved in 1964 from Parsons Road. It was originally home of the Oberlin Sportsman's Club, but when the club ran into financial troubles, it sold the building. The four acres of land that Locke's now sits on was purchased from Donald Love. Additions have been made to the original house (B. Locke). Locke's Garden Center started in 1928 when Bert A. Locke added a nursery and landscaping component to his grocery store at 24 E. College. continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>Locke's Garden Center is located on E. Lorain St. and is the first building on the south side of the street from its intersection with Oberlin Rd. The facility is in very good condition and is surrounded by other well-maintained buildings.</p>						
45. Sources of Information						
<p>Locke, Bert T., Owner, Locke's Garden Center.; Gordon, Stephen C, 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, 1992.; Oberlin Historical Society, Ohio Historic Inventory: 166 Woodland St. Oberlin, OH; O.H.I.O. Resource Center.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee, 'A' continued...</p>						
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51. Condition of Property: **Good/Fair**

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: **Single centered**

Door Position: **Flush**

Orientation: **Lateral axis**

Symmetry: **Bilateral symmetry**

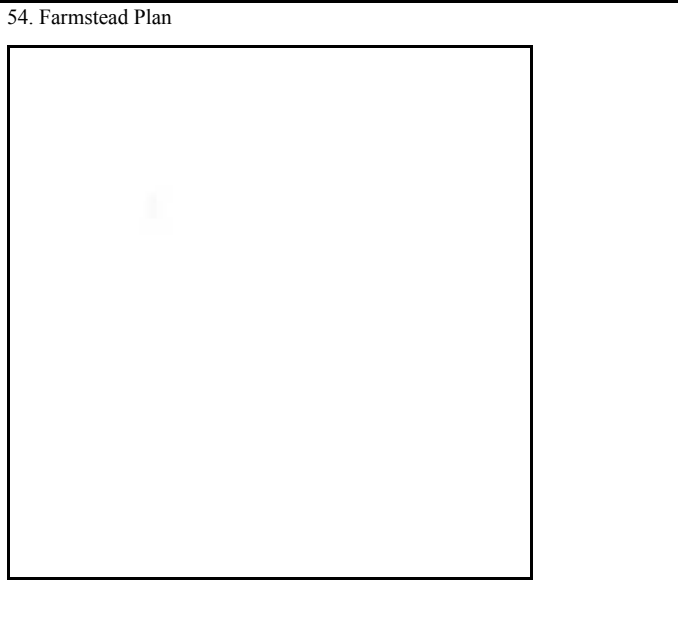
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

located on the east elevation. Asphalt shingles cover the main roof, while the both ends are covered with standing seam metal roofs. The enclosed area has vertical wood siding as an exterior material, while the rest of the building is covered in with vertical wood members Wood shingles are located under the roofline on the west elevation. A stone chimney is located on west elevation on the gable end and flushed with the exterior wall. Another building is located behind the front building; it appears to be used for storage. The building has a metal-gabled roof and is covered with either aluminum or vinyl siding.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

The business moved to 11. N. Main, and in 1938, Bert died. The nursery closed, but after a stint in the Navy, Bert's son, Frank C. Locke, revived the nursery at 166 Woodland in 1948. It moved briefly to E. College, and then to its present spot on E. Lorain. Bert T. Locke, Frank's son, presently runs the nursery (Ohio Historic Inventory).

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45. Sources (Con't)

Field Guide to American Houses,' Alfred K. Knopf Inc., New York, 2000.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.

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