

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
567 E. Hudson St.
Columbus, OH 43211
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1. No. LOR-1254-21		2. County Lorain		4. Present Name(s)		1. No. LOR-1254-21
3. Location of Negatives O.H.I.O. Resource Cen						
Roll No. Picture No.(s) Roll 15, Pic 32-37 Roll 17, Pic 21		5. Historic or Other Name(s) Dudley Farmstead				2. County Lorain
6. Specific Address or Location 680 West Lorain Street		16. Thematic Associations: African American, Governmental Administration, AG		28. No. of Stories Two story		
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 0900-073-000-003		17. Date(s) or Period 1871		17b. Alteration Date(s)		4. Present or Historic Name(s)
7. City or Village If Rural, Township & Vicinity Oberlin		18. Style or Design Italianate,		High Style Yes Elements		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material Stone bearing		
		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction Brick bearing		
		19a. Design Sources		32. Roof Type Hip Roof Material Unknown		
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 17 396117 4571985 Zone Easting Northing		20. Contractor or Builder		33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 2		
10. Classification: Building		21. Building Type or Plan Other House Type		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Brick		
11. On National Register?		22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, Agriculture Fields, Barn, Silo		35. Plan Shape Square		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?		23. Present Use Single Dwelling, Barn, Silo		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Yes Altered Moved		
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		24. Ownership Private		37. Window Type(s) 2 over 2,		
		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known		38. Building Dimensions 53 x 40		
		26. Property Acreage 5.54		39. Endangered? By What?		
		27. Other Surveys		40. Chimney Placement Center		
				41. Distance from & Frontage on Road Approx. 50'		
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)						6. Specific Address or Location 680 West Lorain Street
<p>This is a good example of an Italianate house in Oberlin, and it is very similar in design to the Shurtleff-Monroe House at 73 1/2 S. Professor Street (the office of O.H.I.O.). The symmetrical facade features a full front porch with a hipped roof. Cement steps lead to the porch at the south and east elevations. The square supports contain decorative brackets on those that align with the wall of the house. All of the windows are two-over-two; they continued...</p>						
43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)						
<p>This farmstead contains a house built in 1871 for Stowell B. Dudley (Blodgett). Stow was from Vermont and his wife, Sarah Gillman, from England. He leased the land from Alonzo Warren, the son of a white cotton planter, Malachi & his slave, Ellen (Bigglestone 215). Malachi & Ellen Warren were owner & slave in Alabama in 1832; they had several children together, though they were never officially married, & moved to this house by 1859 (ibid). The fact that Malachi & Ellen were living together, continued...</p>						
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)						
<p>This farmstead includes several outbuildings. The most recent building is a three-car, modern garage, located behind the house. Historic structures include two silos, both missing roofs; one is made of reddish brick, the other of concrete. A small English/Three Bay Bar is located to the northwest of the house and its exterior is comprised of vertical wood siding. A crib barn is located to the northeast of the house, and it contains newer continued...</p>						
45. Sources of Information						
<p>Bigglestone, William E., 'They Stopped in Oberlin,' Innovation Group Inc., Scottsdale, AZ: 1981.; Blodgett, Geoffrey, 'Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to Social History,' Oberlin College, 1985.; City Directories, O.H.I.O Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; continued...</p>						
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51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies
English or Three bay barn
Silo

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Two doors symmetrical

Door Position: Flush

Orientation: Lateral axis

Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

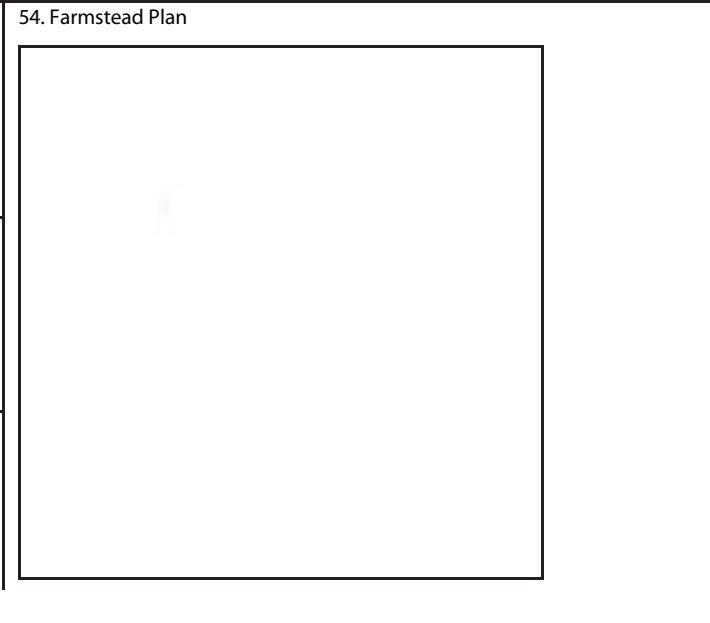
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

are very narrow, arched windows. The windows, which contain stone hoodmolds and sills, have keystones above the arches. The entry is located at the center and contains double doors with one large, stone arch over the semi-circular transom. The doors have glass in the upper half, with wood below. The center of the low, hip roof features a gable over the two center windows of the second story. Below the roof, the house contains a large, plain entablature with brackets. The house and its addition contain chimneys. Interior shutters are visible at the center of the second story. The east elevation contains a projecting bay at the left side of the first story, with a one-over-one window to its right. The wooden bay features one-over-one arched windows with a very thin "porch" that follows the shape of the polygonal feature, with lattice below. The second story contains two eight-panel windows. The addition, at the rear of the house, is one-story with two windows and shutters. The west elevation's original portion contains two windows in the first story that are one-over-one. The two, second story windows contain eight panels. All side elevation windows have stone hoodmolds and sills. At the west elevation, the two-story addition has a small, semi-arched window in the second story, as well as a former arched window, which has been filled with horizontal siding.

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unwed & ' in a state of fornication' did not sit well with the town of Oberlin, & Malachi was sentenced to prison for one day & fined, forcing the family to move far west of the town (Bigglestone 216). Malachi's favor in town was never redeemed, as he was reported abusing his family & being a southern sympathizer (Bigglestone 216). When Malachi drew his will, he left 238 of his 340 acres to his son, Alonzo, which was to be passed on to Malachi's ' rightful heirs.' When Alonzo died unmarried & childless in 1887, Dudley refused to be released of his lease on the grounds that Malachi & Ellen had never been married & therefore had no rightful heirs (Bigglestone 217). The next several years that followed involved several lawsuits & physical altercations between Dudley & the Warren family, who lived nearby (Bigglestone 218). Surprisingly, the town largely favored the Warrens in their struggle to retain the land, since Malachi & Ellen's marriage had basically become common-law (ibid.). Also, Dudley had worked with Malachi's southern counterparts to keep his part of the land & let the buildings & grounds fall into disrepair (ibid.). Finally, by 1898, Dudley came to own (cont...)

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concrete block walls outside of its dilapidated wood framing. The building furthest from the road appears to be a springhouse or root cellar; it is small, sits low to the ground, and contains a gable roof. Finally, another building, located directly east of the house contains a flat roof. This is a one-story structure, completely obscured by foliage. The house appears to be in stable condition, but the historic outbuildings appear to be threatened by lack of use and alteration. The farmstead is located on the western edge of Oberlin, and is surrounded by agricultural fields.

45. Sources (Con't)

Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed 2003.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Gordon, Stephen C., ' How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee, ' A Field Guide to American Houses,' Alfred K. Knopf Inc., New York, 2000.; ' Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative Staff, (1833-1960),' Oberlin College, 1961.; Sugaski, Thomas, Ohio Historic Inventory Form, Building Files, O.H.I.O. Resource Center, 1993.

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