



# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

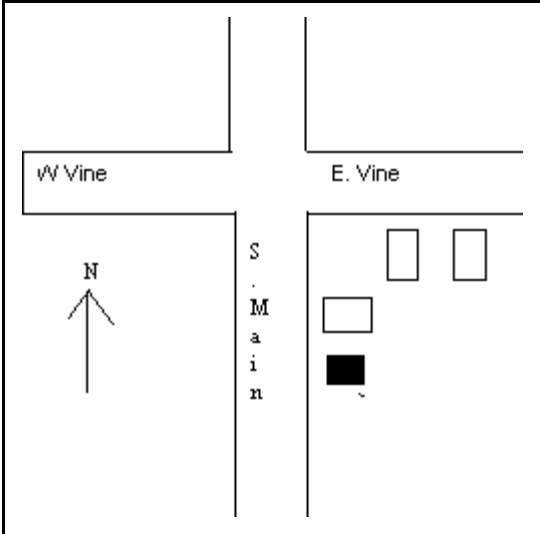
RPR Number:

1. No. <b>LOR-02157-21</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Rental Property</b>		LOR-0215 7-21
2. County <b>Lorain</b>		5. Historic or Other Name(s) <b>Houghton-Darling House</b>		
6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>		19a. Design Sources		Lorain 2. County
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number <b>0900086103006</b>		20. Contractor or Builder <b>L. B. Williams</b>		
7. City or Village <b>Oberlin</b>		21. Building Type or Plan <b>Gabled Ell</b>		4. Present or Historic Name(s) <b>Rental Property</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oberlin</b> <b>17 398074 4571475</b> Zone Easting Northing		22. Original Use, if apparent <b>Single Dwelling</b>		
10. Classification: <b>Building</b>		23. Present Use <b>RESIDENTIAL/DOMESTIC</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
11. On National Register? <b>NO</b>		24. Ownership <b>Private</b>		
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b>		25. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Odevco Limited Liability Co.</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		26. Property Acreage <b>0.17</b>		
16. Thematic Associations: <b>Residential</b>		27. Other Surveys		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
17. Date(s) or Period <b>1902</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>Two story</b>		
18. Style Class and Design <b>No academic style - Vernacular</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)		30. Foundation Material <b>Unknown</b>		
19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction <b>Balloon/western/platform frame</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
		32. Roof Type <b>Cross gable</b> Roof Material <b>Slate</b>		
		33. No. of Bays <b>4</b> Side Bays <b>3</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
		34. Exterior Wall Material(s) <b>Aluminum or vinyl siding</b>		
		35. Plan Shape <b>Irregular</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
		36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: <b>17. Original/Most significant construct</b>		
		37. Window Type(s) <b>1 over 1</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
		38. Building Dimensions <b>25' x 36'</b>		
		39. Endangered? <b>NO</b> By What?		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
		40. Chimney Placement <b>Center</b>		
		41. Distance from & Frontage on Road <b>20'</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
		42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) <b>The enclosure of the front porch and addition of new siding and windows to this vernacular cross gable house obscure its original style. The front porch, enclosed by 1933, protrudes from the front gable and right wing to dominate the first story. Brick steps lead up to an open doorway, with one 1/1 window on the left and two on the right. Ribbons of similar 1/1 windows also extend along its north and south elevations. The porch is topped with a gable roof featuring a pediment. The front door, likely original, has two horizontal panels below a square window. To the right of the door the porch extends deeper to meet the right wing of the house. Above the porch, the facade of this wing includes a small, square 1/1 double hung window in the second story. The front-facing gable features a large 1/1 double hung window in the first story, and a 1/1 double hung window with an awning hood in the second story, centered. A vent is in the attic, which has cornice returns. The northern elevation is partially obscured by vegetation. The second story of the west-facing gable has one square 1/1 double hung window. To the left, the north-facing gable wing includes a 1/1 double continued...</b>		
		43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) <b>This building was a single-family working-class dwelling during its known history. According to a newspaper article on April 18, 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Emory A. Houghton were building a new house on S. Main Street for themselves and they planned for it to have every modern improvement. L. B. Williams was listed as the contractor and the work was expected to be finished in three months. The Houghtons were listed in city directories at this address through 1920. Emory A. Houghton was born in 1872 and had lived in Oberlin since 1900. He was a painter, carpenter, decorator, and paper hanger. He married Lillie O'Dell in 1902. Together they had one son named Lester Houghton, who at one time worked as a candy store salesman. Lillie only lived until 1920 and Emory later remarried. The next continued...</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
		44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) <b>This house is located near the business section on the town's main street.</b>		
		45. Sources of Information <b>O-High Alumni, 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...</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
46. Prepared By: <b>Liz Schultz</b>		47. Organization: <b>Oberlin Heritage Center</b>		
49. PIR Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: <b>12/31/2010</b>		6. Specific Address or Location <b>121 South Main</b>
		50. PIR Review Date:		

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

hung window in the first story and in the second story a square 1/1 double hung window and a rectangular window. In the south elevation, a 1/1 double hung window is located in each story, creating a symmetry of bays.

43. *History and Significance (Con't)*

known occupants were Everett E. Johnson, his wife Ethel, and daughters Josephine and Eveline from approximately 1927 to 1930. Everett (b. 1884) was a railroad agent and baggage master. The next known resident of the home was Mrs. Ada Victoria Reman Darling (nee O'Dell), widow to William Darling and sister of Lillie O'Dell Houghton. William Darling was born in 1869 and was a machinist, plumber and Trustee of public affairs in Oberlin. His previous wife had been Lou Ada (nee Ralston) and together they had a son, Robert C. Lou Ada had died in 1910 and Ada O'Dell and William married in 1913. Ada attended the Oberlin College Conservatory from 1897 to 1899 and was a bookkeeper and clerk of dry goods. As a widow since 1930, Mrs. Ada Darling lived in this home from 1933 through 1956. In 1933 her mother, Emma O'Dell, also lived with her. Mrs. Darling was involved in the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Ohio Baptist Woman's Missionary Society. The next resident was Harold R. Archer in 1961. Harold had been a clerk, employee at Western Automatic, Spang truck driver, fireman for American Radiator, and an assistant manager at Isaly's ice cream shop in downtown Oberlin. He is listed at this residence with his wife Mary L. The next known occupant was James Taborn in 1970 who was an employee at GMC. Joseph M. Getter, a recent OC graduate and future ethnomusicologist, was listed as a resident in the 1991 telephone book. The county auditor website indicates that An Ti Chai was owner of the property from about 1990 until 1996, but was not a resident. The current owner is the Odevcco Limited Liability Company.

44. *Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)*

45. *Sources (Con't)*

Staff, (1833-1960).' Oberlin: Oberlin College, 1961; Lorain County Auditor Property Record, Internet, <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml>, Accessed December 2010; 'Local Dashes,' Oberlin News, April 18, 1902; 'Village Briefs,' Oberlin News Tribune, June 21, 1945; 'WCTU Hears Plea for Race Understand'g,' Oberlin News-Tribune, October 5, 1944.