



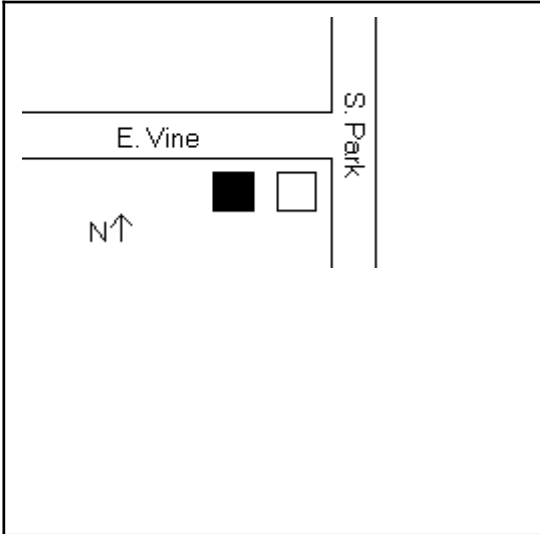
OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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Form with multiple sections: 1. No. LOR-1928-21, 2. County Lorain, 4. Present Name(s) Dyer-Phillips House, 6. Specific Address or Location 117 East Vine, 19a. Design Sources, 35. Plan Shape Rectangular, 37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1, 38. Building Dimensions 32' x 52', 39. Endangered? NO, 42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features, 43. History and Significance, 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings, 45. Sources of Information.

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow 	54. Farmstead Plan :	Door Selection: Single off center Door Position: Flush Orientation: Lateral axis Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry
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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

removal of a former bay or addition. The 2nd story has 2 1/1 double hung windows. All windows at this elevation have wood pediments. A 1-story addition at the rear has a 1/1 double hung window with no pediment. The foundation of the addition is comprised of both concrete block & cast concrete that is simulated to look like rock-faced stone. The addition has a chimney at the center, located on the ridgeline.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Dyer was committed to the Massillon asylum after uneven behavior and fits of violence, including several threats and actual shots fired at people working on Rust M. E. church. After the Dyers left in 1891, DeWitt Phillips and his new wife Anna, also African-American, moved into the house. The Phillips family resided here until 1938. DeWitt's parents, Isaac and Sarah, were former slaves who emigrated with their family at the end of the Civil War from Virginia to the Oberlin area. The Oberlin News mentions that DeWitt 'was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted when but a mere lad.' After moving into this house in 1891, DeWitt and Anna started a family, with daughters Madeline, Carrie Alice, and son Theodore born within the next decade. Anna's mother Mary Irvington lived here with the family at least part of the time, according to the 1910 census. DeWitt had several different jobs during his residence here, working as a grocery deliveryman in the 1890s, a fish dealer in the 1900s, and a gardener by 1920. His daughter Carrie Alice married a man named Jackson in 1914 but died two years later. Theodore Phillips graduated from OHS in 1919 and the Oberlin Conservatory in 1924, going on to teach music at West Virginia State college. DeWitt died in 1929 at age 81, 'having been a member and officer of Rust M. E. church for more than fifty years' according to the Oberlin News. Anna Phillips lived on in the house until 1938, five years before her death in 1943. Charles Stewart and his wife Bonnie moved into the house in 1938 and resided here for almost 50 years until 1983. Charles worked as a decorator, a molder, and by the 1950s as a general contractor. He was also very involved with the early development of the Seventh Day Adventist group in Oberlin, serving as 'the unofficial pastor, a 'lay-pastor,' in the early 1940s as the group got off the ground. Charles Stewart's skills as a general contractor also proved vital in the construction of the Seventh Day Adventists' new church at 99 S. Park. Fellow members of the congregation recalled some conflicts they had with Charles Stewart during the building's construction. 'He wanted it done a certain way,' one said, but remembered Charles Stewart as 'a good old man,' though 'a bit on the stubborn side. You couldn't help but love him.' After the Stewarts left in 1983, a Pamela Shepherd moved into the house by 1985 with her three sons, Tim, Mark, and Brian (Mark and Brian were twins). Shepherd's husband fought in the Vietnam war. She lived in the house until 1994.

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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