**LOR-1635-21**

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**2. County** Lorain

**3. Location of Negatives** O.H.I.O. Resource Cen

**Roll No.** roll1,pic13,14  
**Picture No.(s)** roll10,pic35

**4. Present Name(s)**

Hayward House, DeFrance House

**5. Historic or Other Name(s)**

**6. Specific Address or Location**

228 Elm Street

**7. City or Village** Oberlin

**6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number**

0900-085-102-030

**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**

![Site Plan](image)

**9. U.T.M. Reference**

- **Quadrangle Name:** Oberlin  
  - **Easting:** 397332  
  - **Northing:** 4571522

**10. Classification:** Building

**11. On National Register?**

- Private

**12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?**

**13. Other Designation (NR or Local)**

**14. Property Acreage** .26

**15. Original Use, if apparent**

Single Dwelling, , ,

**16. Baseline**

- **Thematic Associations:** COMMERCE, African American, Textiles/Clothing

**17. Date(s) or Period**

- **c. 1877**

**18. Style or Design**

- **High Style**

**19. Architect or Engineer**

**20. Contractor or Builder**

**21. Building Type or Plan**

Other House Type

**22. Ownership** Private

**23. Owner's Name & Address, if known**

**24. Endangered?** By What?

**25. Ownership** Private

**26. Distance from & Frontage on Road**

Approx. 25'

**27. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)**

This simple house has a small porch that sits to the right of the front elevation. The porch is supported by one Tuscan column, and shades two doorways. One door faces the south elevation; another faces east. This facade also contains a projecting bay window with a polygonal roof above several brackets. A small, vented window is located at the center of the front gable. A long addition has been attached to the rear of the house, which was continued...

**28. No of Stories**

Two story

**29. Basement?**

Yes

**30. Foundation Material**

Stone bearing

**31. Wall Construction**

Balloon frame/western frame/pla

**32. Roof Type**

Cross gable

**33. No of Bays**

2

**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)**

Aluminum or vinyl siding

**35. Plan Shape**

Rectangular

**36. Changes**

Addition Yes  
Altered Yes  
Moved Yes

**37. Window Type(s)**

1 over 1, 2 over 2

**38. Building Dimensions**

unknown

**39. Chimney Placement**

Off center within roof surface

**40. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)**

The first listing for this house in the city directories is 1877, when the first residents were Allen O. & H.B. Hayward, both carpenters. The next residents of this house were Mary DeFrance & her children who lived here from 1883-91; Mary's husband was working as a miner in Albuquerque, NM (Bigglestone). The DeFrance family moved to Oberlin from Mississippi. Marie DeFrance was one of Mary's six children & according to Bigglestone, 'was that rare Oberlinian, a single black woman in business.' continued...

**41. Sources of Information**


**42. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)**

A large, paved driveway runs along the home's east side. The house is surrounded by several well-maintained homes.

43. **Sources of Information**


**44. Prepared By:** Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy

**45. Date Recorded:** 08/19/2003
Marie DeFrance bought Belle Knowlton’s Millinery Store in 1886 & opened her own Millinery store on S. Main Street, which operated until her health failed in 1926 (Bigglestone 65-66). The store was located at 24 S. Main & was marked by a triangle that said ‘Millinery M. DeFrance’ (Bigglestone). The next residents of this house were Uriah McKee & his family. Uriah was principal of the Oberlin Business College. Other residents include: H.P. Kriehbiel (1895-1896), Miss J. Frances Bartlett (1902), John H. Lee (1910), Ara E. Gill (1927-1939), Robert L. Bourne (1942), H.H. Spieker (1956-1961), Mrs. Doreen J. Browne & Mrs. Fay C. Pellet (1970) (City Directory).
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