### LOR-1636-21

**1. No.** LOR-1636-21  
**2. County** Lorain

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

**4. Present Name(s)** Franks House

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

**6. Specific Address or Location**  
232 Elm Street

**6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number**  
0900-085-102-029

**7. City or Village** Oberlin

**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**

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

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**10. Classification:** Building

**11. On National Register?**

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

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

**14. Present or Historic Name(s)** Franks House

**15. Original Use, if apparent**

**16. Thematic Associations:**  
Lumber Related Industries, Methodist, English

**17. Date(s) or Period**  
c. 1873-77

**17b. Alteration Date(s)**  
c. 1927-1944

**18. Style or Design** High Style  
Shingle, Elements

**18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)**

**19. Architect or Engineer**

**19a. Design Sources**

**20. Contractor or Builder**

**21. Building Type or Plan**

**22. Ownership** Private

**23. Present Use** Single Dwelling

**24. Property Acreage** .27

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

**26. Ownership** Private

**27. Other Surveys**

**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  
Roof Material Asphalt shingle

**33. No. of Bays** 3

**33a. Side Bays** Irregular

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

**35. Plan Shape Rectangular**

**36. Changes**

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**37. Window Type(s)**

| 8 or more over 1, 6 over 1 |

**38. Building Dimensions**

unknown

**39. Endangered?**

**40. Chimney Placement**

Gable end, exterior

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

Approx. 25'

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

The entire exterior of this house is covered in shingles that alternate between staggered and coursed patterns in each row. The large, steep gable that spans the façade dominates the south elevation, which faces the street. At the center of the front gable is a small, circular window. An exterior ashlar chimney sits on top of the shingles on the south elevation. The east elevation contains the entries. One is located at the recessed porch, which continued...

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

This house was built around 1873-77, when Orin Henry Franks is listed as the first known resident (City Directory, Holsworth). Orin married his second wife, Georgie A Hayward, in 1874; possibly the house was constructed around that occasion (Oberlin News). In 1879, Orin, a carpenter, was sued by the Carter Brothers & charged with fraud (City Directory, Oberlin News). About this time, the Franks moved out & Laura M (Mrs. M.W.) Pinkerton came into possession of the house; according to the Lorain continued...

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

A detached, two-car garage is located at the rear of the house. The home is located in a quiet, residential neighborhood.

**45. Sources of Information**


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

**47. Organization:** O.H.I.O.

**48. Date Recorded:** 08/19/2003
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51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Single off center
Door Position: Flush
Orientation: Gable end axis
Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry

FOR OHPO USE:
49. Revised By:
50a. Date Revised:
50b. Reviewed by:
RPR Number:

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

has wide arches between the shingle-covered columns. The projecting gable marks steps to the porch, while stone steps meet the rear entry. This facade also has a cross gable towards the rear and a gabled dormer over the porch. The west facade has a shed dormer in front of its cross gable. According to local historian Dick Lothrop, John Annable, who lived here between 1927-1944 made some changes to the house, including the relocation of the front door to the east side of the house.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Co. tax list, she bought a plot of land in Oberlin from H.B. Franks (possibly related to Orin) in 1880 (Holsworth). Mrs. Pinkerton resided here by 1883 (City Directory). She had 3 children, Henry Moody, Laura Ella, & Robert Moffat, who all attended the Oberlin Preparatory Academy (Holsworth). In 1890, the Pinkertons moved & sold the house to the Hadley family (City Directory, Holsworth). By 1891, A.J. Hadley, an insurance agent, his wife Mary E, & their children Madge, Bertha & Ray were the occupants (City Directory). F.J. & Mrs. J.H. Estabrook, perhaps relations of Mary Hadley’s, also resided here (City Directory). The Hadleys & Estabrooks left the house by 1894. Mrs. L.J. Miller, her daughter Anna, & a carpenter named Anton Tishler were the next occupants, followed by Mrs. Jennie Wood (City Directory). By 1895, Helen A Green, widow of Isaac J Green, was the owner (City Directory). She had 2 children: Carrie Eleanor, who attended Oberlin Academy & Richard (Holsworth). Following the Greens, in 1902 Rev. William Willis Curtis & his family moved in briefly. (cont...)

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