**Ohio Historic Inventory**

**1. No.** LOR-1685-21  
**2. County** Lorain  
**3. Location of Negatives** O.H.I.O. Resource Cen  
**4. Present Name(s)** Quinn House  

**6. Specific Address or Location**  
248 Grafton Street  

**16. Thematic Associations:**  
Civil War, Steel, African American  

**17. Date(s) or Period**  
c. 1883  
**17b. Alteration Date(s)**  
c. 1883  

**19. Architect or Engineer**  

**19a. Design Sources**  

**20. Contractor or Builder**  

**21. Building Type or Plan**  
Other House Type  
**21a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)**  
Addition Yes  
Moved  

**22. Original Use, if apparent**  
Single Dwelling, , ,  
**23. Present Use**  
Single Dwelling, , ,  

**24. Ownership**  
Private  

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

**26. Property Acreage**  
.54  

**31. Wall Construction**  
Balloon frame/western frame/pla  

**32. Roof Type**  
Gable  
**33. No. of Bays**  
2  
**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)**  
Wood shingles  

**35. Plan Shape**  
L-shaped  

**36. Changes**  
(Explain in #42)  
Addition Yes  
Altered  
Moved  

**37. Window Type(s)**  
1 over 1,  

**38. Building Dimensions**  
42 x 18  

**40. Chimney Placement**  
Center  

**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road**  
Approx. 30'  

**42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)**  
This much-altered vernacular house contains a front-facing gable. The exterior siding is not original. The door is located at the left of the main facade, with a one-over-one window to the right. A front porch with a hip roof has been enclosed with one-over-one windows that rest on top of a shingled wall; square lattice runs below the porch. Three cement steps and a wall lead up to the door of the porch. A single, one-over-one window is located continued...  

**43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)**  
The first known occupants, the Quinns, were in 1883 (City Directory). Solomon & Francis (Lewis) Quinn lived here until their respective deaths in 1894 & 1909. They were an African-American family with 7 children: James, George, Winnie, John, Lena, David & Faith (Holsworth). Solomon was in the 27th U.S. Colored Troops in 1865 and the Grand Army of the Republic in 1887-90; he was discharged from both due to illness. He was a farmer, laborer, & worked for clothing merchant Levi Whitney & a member continued...  

**44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)**  
A gambrel shed is located at the rear of the house. The home is stable, and is located on a road that becomes increasingly rural as it stretches east.  

**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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4. Present Name(s)

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Quinn House

51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

54. Farmstead Plan

55. Condition of Property: Good/Fair

FOR OHPO USE:

49. Revised By:

50a. Date Revised:

50b. Reviewed by:

RPR Number:

54. Farmstead Plan

Door Selection: Single off center
Door Position: Unknown
Orientation: Gable end axis
Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

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

in the second story. The west elevation is mostly obscured, with a likely addition at the rear, which projects from the house. The addition contains a cement foundation and a metal awning is located above the window. A brick chimney is visible at the rear, one-story wing. The east elevation is simple, with a brick chimney at the center of the roof’s ridgeline. Two one-over-one windows are located at the first story. The shingles of the home’s exterior are laid in a horizontal pattern. A one-story addition is visible at the rear of the house at the east elevation. Three one-over-one windows are located at the porch, along this elevation.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)

of the First and Second Methodist churches. Francis belonged to Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Bigglestone 170). Irene Quinn is listed at this residence in the late 1890s, apparently married to John or David, who were living here at the time. Loveless (or Lovelace) & Partha Burwell lived here with the Quinn family (1895-99). Fireman Marion ‘Chick’ Quinn, the Quinn’s grandson, lived here in 1908; A. Davis in 1910 (City Directory); & Frances & Solomon’s grandson, Joseph R. Quinn in 1916. He was here with his wife, Mary & children Beuhla, Ruby, Josephine & William. Joseph was a janitor at OC (1920 Census). Emma & W Arthur Zebbs lived here with their son Arthur (1929-30) (City Directory). W Arthur was an office-building janitor (1930 Census). George King lived here in 1933; Leander & Elizabeth Lawson lived here 1935-37 with their child. Leander was a laborer (City Directory). Around 1939, Alma & Paul F. Gordon lived here. He worked in construction & as foreman at the Elyria Foundry. Paul F. shared ownership with Marion Gordon and Paul G. Gordon in 2000 (Property Card).

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

45. Sources (Con’t)

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