Rental Property

Chapman-Copeland-Godette House

6. Specific Address or Location
113 Groveland St

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number
900086108007

7. City or Village
Oberlin

9. U.T.M. Reference
Quadrangle Name: Oberlin 4571136
Zone: Easting Northing

10. Classification: Building

11. On National Register? NO

13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO

15. Other Designation (NR or Local)

16. Thematic Associations:

African American
Freed Black
Architectural Materials: c 1877

17. Date(s) of Period
17b. Alteration Date(s)

18. Style Class and Design
No academic style - Vernacular

18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)

19. Architect or Engineer

19a. Design Sources

20. Contractor or Builder

21. Building Type or Plan
Upright and Wing

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 0.28 acres

27. Other Surveys

28. No. of Stories
Two story

29. Basement? Yes

30. Foundation Material
Stone bearing

31. Wall Construction
Balloon/western/platform frame

32. Roof Type
Gable
Roof Material
Asphalt shingle

33. No. of Bays 4 Side Bays 2

34. Exterior Wall Material(s)
Aluminum or vinyl siding

35. Plan Shape Rectangular

36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:

17. Original/Most significant construction

17b.

37. Window Type(s)
2 over 2
6 over 6

38. Building Dimensions
24' x 59'

39. Endangered? NO
By What?

40. Chimney Placement
Center

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road
30'

51. Condition of Property:
Good/Fair

52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies

Structure Type
Garage

Date

Associated Activity

53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers
Historic (OH)
Archaeological (OAI)

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

This house is an altered, vernacular Upright and Wing. The front (north) facade features a porch at the left two-thirds of the elevation that has simple posts and a simple balustrade. Brick steps and a metal railing lead up to the porch. A modern door at the right side of the porch has a large window to its left. This large window is flanked by narrower windows (the left narrow window has a horizontal mullion through the center, implying that this feature is missing from the right window). At the far left, which is recessed, a one-story addition has a pair of 1/1 windows. The second story, at the center, gabled portion, has a pair of 2/2 windows. At the right side of the facade, in the one-story wing portion of the house, there is a 1/1 window. At the left side of the west elevation, a historic, square stained glass window is set high in the wall. Near the center of the second story, a small, rectangular window has two vertical mullions. The window extends out towards the right side of the west elevation and has a gabled end with a 2/2 window. The east elevation, at the main body of the house, has a 2/2 window in the small, one-story addition at the left. Near the continued...

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

The first record of this house, listed as 28 Groveland, appears in 1877. It was probably built in the decade immediately prior. Brickmason Clayton H. and carpenters D.W. Chapman and Walter A. Chapman are the first known residents. Walter had married Alice S. two years earlier and gave birth to a daughter that year - Rosa L. Chapman. The next year, Arthur C. Chapman was born. By 1883, just one resident, Frederick D. Copeland., is listed, another carpenter, and the younger brother of John Copeland who was hanged for his participation in John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry. Frederick, of mixed race, had married Mary Washington, also of mixed race, around 1874 and they had a daughter, Lottie. Frederick had also run a contracting business with partner of mixed race Charles H. Glenn (Glenn and continued...

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

A garage-type building is set far back on the lot and is obscured by trees. The building appears to be 1 1/2 stories tall, has a side gable, and a modern door. This building is possibly historic, although it is too far from the road and too obscured to verify this statement. This house is located on a residential street that receives little traffic.

45. Sources of Information

46. Prepared By: Patricia Murphy
47. Organization: Oberlin Heritage Center
48. Date Recorded: 06/18/2007
49. PIR Reviewer: RLK
50. PIR Review Date: 06/09/2008
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**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**

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[Diagram showing site plan with North Arrow]
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**54. Farmstead Plan:**

- **Door Position:** Flush
- **Orientation:** Gable dominant with lateral smaller extension
- **Symmetry:** Bilateral asymmetry

**Report Associated With Project:**

**NADB #:**

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**Bilateral asymmetry**

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**Flush**

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**Gable dominant with lateral smaller extension**

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

center, a ribbon of six vertical windows enclose a former porch, which has square posts on top of slanted, shingled piers. Lattice runs below the porch. The porch appears to be c. 1910-1920, and newer than the house. The rear of the house includes a one-story addition with a south-facing gable and a 6/6 window at the far left. The addition also has a recessed porch that is decorated with folk Queen Anne detailing, such as scalloped brackets below the porch eaves, yet it has a simple balustrade. Glass block windows have replaced the basement.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Copeland Contracting was created in 1884). In 1897 a 'contractor Glenn' is listed as one of the residents of this house, the same year Charles H. underwent divorce from his wife. By 1904, Frederick Copeland and his family had left this house. Married couple Ethel Camillia Marshall, of mixed race, and John Frank Godette, a black man, next occupied 113 Groveland according to 1904 records. Frank mostly drove to earn a living, sometimes trucks, sometimes taxis. He is listed as a teamster in 1904. In 1920 he is listed as manager of Godette Taxi and Transfer. Before then he had worked as an electric package clerk. The couple adopted Phyllis Henrietta Godette in 1912. After Ethel passed away in 1925, Frank married widow Florence E., of mixed race, in 1926. The next year their son Rowland Godette was born. In 1949 Rowland married Lillian Adora Katherine Fields, of mixed race, who had children from a previous marriage. Adora Godette was a descendent of Sally Hemings through her eldest child, Thomas Woodson. Rowland and Adora resided at this house according to 1956 records. Also according to those records, Rowland drove trucks and Adora worked at Cash Morehead Food Market. By 1961 only Frank Godette is listed as a resident. After 1973, residents are unknown, although in 1986, Van D and Katallee Kirkendall bought the house, but did not occupy it.

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

45. Sources (Con't)