### Gayton House

1. **No.** LOR-02035-21  
4. **Present Name(s):** Gayton House  

2. **County:** Lorain  
5. **Historic or Other Name(s):** Vaughan-Gayton House  

6. **Specific Address or Location:** 143 Groveland  

6a. **Lot, Section or VMD Number:** 398482  

7. **City or Village:** Oberlin  

9. **U.T.M. Reference:** 4571119  

10. **Classification:** Building  

11. **On National Register?** NO  

13. **Part of Established Hist. Dist?** NO  

15. **Other Designation (NR or Local):**  

16. **Thematic Associations:**  

   - **Methodist**  
   - **Civil War**  
     - **African American**  
   - **c. 1874**  

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

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:** Gabled Ell  

22. **Original Use, if apparent:** Single Dwelling  

23. **Present Use:** Single Dwelling  

24. **Ownership:** Private  

25. **Owner's Name & Address, if known:** William A. and Elva M. Gayton  

26. **Property Acreage:** Unknown  

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  

33. **No. of Bays:** 5  

34. **Exterior Wall Material(s):** Asphalt shingle  

35. **Plan Shape:** Square  

36. **Changes associated with 17/17b Dates:**  

17b. **Some alteration:**  

37. **Window Type(s):** 6 over 6  

38. **Building Dimensions:** 34' x 39'  

39. **Endangered?** NO  

40. **Chimney Placement:** Center  

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

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

This vernacular house blends the plans of a side hallway house and a gabled ell. At the front facade, the side hallway element is to the right, and the wing of the gabled ell is to the left. The north facade includes a full front porch with a hip roof. The porch has simple, modern wood supports and balusters. The full front porch cuts back and continues along the ell side of the facade. At the gabled portion of the house, the entry is at the left and has a wood door with filled panels, sidelights, and pilasters. At the center and right side of the first story, there are 6/1 double hung windows. In the second story are three 6/6 double hung windows. A pair of louvered vents is in the gable. At the ell, another door is at the right and a 6/1 double hung window is at the left. The second story has two 2/2 double hung windows. The east elevation includes two 6/6 double hung windows at the first story and two 2/2 double hung windows at the second story. An enclosed porch towards the rear has a large window with four lights. The west elevation has two 6/6 double hung windows at the first and second stories. At the rear/south elevation, two 6/6 double hung windows are continued...  

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

According to city directory research, this house was built at least by 1874. The first known residents in 1874 were William Craddock Vaughan and Charles Marshall, a laborer. Marshall had served in the 16th U. S. Colored Infantry. Vaughan had served for the 178th Ohio Infantry from 1864-65 and was later a cooper and carpenter. In 1877 George H. Allen, a miller, was listed at the residents. After that year, the house appeared to return to the Vaughans and became a family home. In 1883 Vaughan was listed with his sons John S., a painter and barber, and Lewis (or Louis) Wendell, a photographer. After 1883 William, his wife Lethe Ann (nee Thompson), or their sons John, Louis, and Le Roy A. were intermittently listed in city directories. William Vaughan was last listed in 1908. John S. continued...  

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

This house is located on the corner of Groveland and South Park streets. The house is located in a residential area and has a detached, historic garage. The garage has a shed roof, wood clapboard siding, and two single-car doors, each with three windows horizontally across the door.  

45. **Sources of Information:**  

- City Directories, Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center.  
- Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.  
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.  
- Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1992.  
- 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative continued...
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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- **Door Selection:** Single off center
- **Door Position:** Flush
- **Orientation:** Gable with lateral wing
- **Symmetry:** Bilateral symmetry

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Report Associated With Project:

NADB #: 
Vaughan was listed here through 1916 with his wife Carrie L. and their daughters Lela A. and Irene. By 1920 new owners had taken the house and Clayton A. Stanfield and Marian Gilbert were listed at this address. Clayton resided here with his wife Lillian and their five children. Clayton was a laborer, telephone lineman, and plumber. The next known occupant in 1927 was Reverend Clarence E. McFadden, an African American pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. After this time it appears the house became a parsonage for Mt. Zion Baptist Church and most of the residents were African American. In 1933 Reverend Charles H. Brown was listed here with his wife Mary Frances and their four children. Rev. Charles was the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church at the time. From 1935-36 Vassar B. Wallace, a laborer, lived here with his wife Pauline. Reverend Homer J. Tucker resided here from 1937 through 1940. He was also the minister of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and lived here with his wife Pauline and their children. Reverend Tucker was also the director of the Phillis Wheatley Community Center. In 1942 William Clement, a salesman, was listed here with his wife Alice, although he is actually listed at 142 Groveland before and after this year. The next known occupant was Willard Edward Mitchell in 1948. Willard was a house cleaner and lived here with his wife Mildred L. and their four children. From 1956 through 1961 Fred L. Steen resided here with his wife Verolga L. Fred was also a minister at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The current owners of this address have been William Arnold Gayton and his wife Elva M. since 1970. The Gaytons had seven children and William was an inspector for Ford Motor.