Ronald and Nancy Hendrikson House

46785 West Hamilton

9. U.T.M. Reference
Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
17 396601 4570499

10. Classification: Building
11. On National Register? NO

12. County Lorain

13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO

14. Historic or Other Name(s) Copeland Farm

15. Other Designation (NR or Local)

16. Thematic Associations:
AGRICULTURE
Freed Black

17. Date(s) of Period
ca. 1863

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 John Copeland?

21. Building Type or Plan Non-discernable House Type

22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling Agricultural Outbuildings

23. Present Use Single Dwelling Agricultural Outbuildings

24. Ownership Private

25. Owner's Name & Address, if known
Ronald G. & Nancy E. Hendrikson
46785 W. Hamilton
Oberlin, OH, 44074

26. Property Acreage 6

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 Cross gable

33. No. of Bays 3 Side Bays 4

34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Asphalt shingle

35. Plan Shape L-shaped

36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: Original/Most significant construct

17b. Substantial alteration/addition

37. Window Type(s) 6 over 6 Other

38. Building Dimensions 35'x45'

39. Endangered? NO

By What?

40. Chimney Placement Off center within ridgeline

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road

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

This two-story, three-bay house is a modified gabled ell; while the gabled portion is at the right, the lateral portion, which is typically set back in a gabled ell plan, is flush with the gabled portion. The house and the associated property are heavily covered with foliage; therefore, it is difficult to determine many of the details of the house. Because this house is in Russia Township, rather than Oberlin city limits, it is not recorded on historic Sanborn maps. The house, which appears to sit on a sandstone foundation, has a crawlspace/basement. The double hung windows are six-over-six and smaller windows have six lights, divided by muntins. At the facade (the north elevation), the gabled portion, which is at the right side of the facade, has double hung windows at both the first and second stories. These windows are oriented slightly right of center in the bay. The gable has a vent. The porch extends the full length of the lateral portion of the facade. The porch supports are turned wood posts and the board running below the porch has a decorative pattern cut into it (a pattern of two circles divided by a horizontal line). The door is near the center of continued...

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

This house and farm have been home to several prominent residents of early Oberlin, including the African American Copeland family. One of the first owners of the land was Hiram A. Pease, brother to Oberlin's first settler. Hiram was a wagon maker, deacon at First Church and believed to be an agent of the Underground Railroad. He owned the property from about 1835 to 1851, when he sold it to his son, Hiram A. Pease, Jr. In 1863 it was sold to Henry Evans, a prominent African American business owner. Henry and his brother, Wilson Bruce Evans, had migrated from North Carolina. Henry then immediately sold the land to his sister Delilah, who may have already been living here with her husband John A. Copeland, a carpenter. It is possible that John built the house. Delilah had been born continued...

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

The property on which this house sits on is quite large and is surrounded by farmland, wooded areas, and other large, residential properties. It is located in New Russia Township, outside of the city limits, bordering the city recreation complex and bike path (those are located east of the property). The front of the property, bordering West Hamilton Road, has a split rail wood fence on either side of the driveway that leads up to the house and outbuildings. The zigzag fence has many wildflowers continued...

45. Sources of Information
OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY INDEX.
Columbus: Ohio Historical Society, 1929; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' New York: Alfred K. Knopf Inc., 2000; 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative continued...
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### 8. Site Plan with North Arrow

![Site Plan with North Arrow](image)

### 54. Farmstead Plan:

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

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![House Image](image)
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con’t)

the lateral portion and has a double hung window to its right. Another double hung window is to the left. Two six-light, square windows are in the second story of the lateral portion. The east elevation has a gabled bay to the right with two double hung windows at the first story and a single double hung at the second story. A vent is in the gable. Several extensions of various sizes elongate the rear of the house. They were likely added to the original house over time, as indicated by the variety of roof shapes and massing of the extensions. Some are one story, others are two. The east-facing extensions are one story, while the west-facing is two stories. At the east, a second porch comprises two bays; it has turned wood supports. Two more windows are located left of the side porch. The west elevation has a gabled portion at the left and a wood hood covers a (likely six-over-six double hung) window. The second story has a double hung window. Right of the gabled section, a slightly shorter two-story extension (as mentioned above) has a double hung window at both the first and second stories.

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free while John had been born a slave and then emancipated when his owner, who was also his father, died. Delilah and John married in 1831 and moved from North Carolina to the north in 1843, along with two other African American families. After settling in Oberlin, Copeland assisted those travelling on the Underground Railroad. Their children included John, Laura, Mary, William, Henry, Frederick, as well as two adopted children, Catharine and Reuben. In 1852 John Copeland and John Watson were named to head the Lorain County fugitive slave assistance network. John and Delilah's son, John A. Copeland, Jr. was famous for joining John Brown in his attempt to raid Harper's Ferry and begin a slave revolt in 1859. John, Jr. was later tried and hanged for his participation. A stone monument in honor of him and other participants, John Brown, Lewis Leary, and Shields Green, was erected in 1865 and now stands in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park at the corner of Vine and Pleasant Streets in Oberlin. Another son, William, was assassinated in Little Rock, Arkansas in the 1890s while on duty as an African American law enforcement officer. John and Delilah's 50th wedding anniversary in 1881 was probably one of the largest events hosted at the house. Delilah passed away in 1888 and John in 1894. The next head of household was their daughter Mary Jane Copeland, who lived in the house with her brother Frederick, until her death in 1922. The next head was Lottie Copeland Beatty, granddaughter of John and Delilah, who sold the house in 1925 to T. J. Rice. Leroy and Ora Lounsbrough purchased the property in 1945. Ronald and Nancy Hendrikson purchased the property in 1986 and as of 2010 continue to be the owners and occupants. The Hendriksons have explored the possibility of having the property listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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growing through it; behind the fence are trees and shrubbery as well as various gardens. The house is bordered by a picket fence and has a pathway curving from the front porch to the side porch. Another path leads from the side porch to the fence, which has an arbor trellis with a gabled roof (an arch is below the gable). The arbor is capped with a rooster weathervane. Several outbuildings stand on the property. Southwest of the house, a large, two-story barn is comprised of concrete on the lower half and wood in the second story. This two-story, three-bay garage has three large 'garage'-type doors (the door at the right is taller than the other two). A single, six-light square window is in the center of the second story (north elevation). This barn's west elevation has three openings - apparently a door at the left and double hung windows at the center and right; a square window with six lights is in the second story and a vent is in the gable. This barn has a standing seam metal roof. A very small, gabled outbuilding sits behind the barn at its southwest. Two barns sit directly south of the house - both with standing seam metal roofs. The north barn (closer to the house) is comprised of wood and has a saltbox plan. It is one-and-one-half stories tall (the taller portion at the side of the building). The north face of the building has a single bay. The barn directly behind it is smaller. It is a single story with a gable roof; the gables face east and west, as in the other barns previously discussed. A fifth outbuilding, a rectangular, three-bay, one-story barn, has an asphalt roof and a slightly saltbox plan. This fifth structure sits southwest of the house. The property extends behind the barns. It includes a large, grand piano-shaped pond with a dock at the north (narrower) end of the pond. A second, oval pond is behind the first one. Farmland is situated behind the ponds before the land becomes wooded with many trees. The east and west borders of the property are marked by tree lines.

45. Sources (Con’t)