**Day House**

**LOR-02038-21**

1. No.  
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4. Present Name(s)  
Day House

2. County  
Lorain  
5. Historic or Other Name(s)  
Ashley House

6. Specific Address or Location  
181 Hollywood

6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number  
900075104066

7. City or Village  
Oberlin

9. U.T.M. Reference  
Oberlin  
Zone 17  
Eastings 397365  
Northings 4572195

11. On National Register?  
NO

13. Part of Established Hist. Dist?  
NO

15. Other Designation (NR or Local)  

16. Thematic Associations:  
EDUCATION

17. Date(s) or Period  
c. 1927

17b. Alteration Date(s)  
1960s

18. Style Class and Design  
Colonial Revival

18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)  

19. Architect or Engineer  
William Patrick Day

20. Contractor or Builder  

21. Building Type or Plan  
Four-over-Four

22. Original Use, if apparent  
Single Dwelling

23. Present Use  
Single Dwelling

24. Ownership  
Private

25. Owner's Name & Address, if known  
William Patrick Day  
181 Hollywood St  
Oberlin, OH, 44074

26. Property Acreage  
0.35

27. Other Surveys  

28. No. of Stories  
Two story

29. Basement?  
Yes

30. Foundation Material  
Brick bearing

31. Wall Construction  
Brick bearing

32. Roof Type  
Gable

33. No. of Bays  
4 Side Bays 3

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

35. Plan Shape  
Rectangular

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

37. Window Type(s)  
6 over 1 8 over 1

38. Building Dimensions  
38' x 44'

39. Endangered?  
NO

40. Chimney Placement  
Center

41. Distance from & Frontage on Road  
20'

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

This west facing Colonial Revival four over four plan house has an entry at the left. The entry is accented with a pedimented hood that has an arch cut out below the pediment, as well as an entablature, Doric columns, and pilasters. Brick walls and bricks steps, which have cement caps, lead to the brick porch. The door is wood with filled panels. 8/1 double hung windows are at the center and right of the first story. The second story has three 6/1 double hung windows. A wing at the far right is one story and has a pair of 6/1 double hung windows. The north elevation includes a door at the center, which has six lights in its upper portion and filled panels below. Brick steps lead up to the stoop in front of the door. 4/1 double hung windows are left and right of the first story. Above the door, between the first and second stories, an 8/1 window is double hung. At the right side of the second story, a 6/1 window is double hung. The gable has a semi-circular window with muntins in a fan shape, as well as scallops between each muntin. The gable has partial cornice returns. At the first story of the south elevation, the wing has a pair of 6/1 double hung windows. continued...

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

This house was originally built at 221 Woodland Street circa 1927, when the Ashley family was first listed at that address. Hubert F. Ashley was a bank teller, cashier, and then a state bank examiner for over 20 years. His wife Ruth Millicent (nee Clifton) at one time attended the Oberlin College Academy. Their daughter Janet graduated from Oberlin High School in 1940. The next residents listed were Lester S. Ries and his wife Lillian. Lester was superintendent of the Oberlin College Buildings and Grounds Department for several years, as well as President of the Chamber of Commerce at one time. In 1940 Robert R. Cutler was listed as the resident of the house. Robert Richard Cutler, Jr. was superintendent of construction at the college. He resigned during WWII and was commissioned continued...

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

This house includes a possibly-historic, detached garage. The garage has been covered in vinyl siding and has a gable front, as well as a door wide enough for two cars. The house is located on a residential street that receives little traffic.

45. Sources of Information


46. Prepared By  
Elizabeth Schultz

47. Organization  
Oberlin Heritage Center

48. Date Recorded  
11/30/2008

50. PIR Review Date:  

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Single off center
- Door Position: Flush
- Orientation: Lateral axis with lateral smaller extension
- Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #: 
42. **Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)**

The gable of the wing has partial cornice returns. The second story, at the main body of the house, has a 6/1 double hung window. The attic gable has a semi-circular window like the window in the gable of the north elevation. The chimney, which sits on the roof's ridgeline, has brick bands wrapping around the perimeter of the chimney.

43. **History and Significance (Con't)**

as a lieutenant in the US Navy. The next known residents were Arthur W. Poister and his wife Dorothy. Arthur was a professor of organ at the Oberlin College Conservatory. The Poisters had left by 1956 and the Fountains had moved in. Robert P. Fountain was a professor of singing, director of choral organizations, and Dean of the Conservatory at Oberlin College. The Fountains lived in the house at least through 1961 and then it was moved between 1965-1970 to 181 Hollywood Street to make room for the new college gymnasium. Andre Yon was listed here in 1970 with his wife Paula and their three children. Andre was also a professor at Oberlin College. Who resided here after the Yons in the 1970s and 1980s is unknown. The current owner since 1990 is William Patrick Day, who is a professor of English and Cinema Studies at Oberlin College.

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

45. **Sources (Con't)**