This Side Hallway house may have once possessed stylistic elements but alterations have masked its original features. The facade contains aligned bays, with two 6/6 double hung windows with shutters in the first story, and two 1/1 double hung replaced windows in the second. At right is a porch, flush with the house, with a very low-pitched roof supported by two round posts. The front door is recessed and located in a small one-story wing adjoining the house. Facing west, a 6/6 double hung window is located under the porch roof. There is one small 1/1 double hung window at the right corner of the second story. A one-story wing extends back from the house, which contains the exterior stone block chimney, two 6/6 double hung windows, and a side door. The east elevation includes two 6/6 double hung windows in the first story and one small window obscured by the air conditioning unit in the second. The back wing has a 6/6 double hung window on either side of a brick chimney. To the left are a square fixed window and one 6/6 double hung window.
Report Associated With Project:

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54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Corner
- Door Position: Recessed
- Orientation: Gable end axis
- Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry
meantime. Augustus followed Mary so that they could wed in Oberlin, which they did in 1857. After some time working as a farmer and laborer, Augustus was able to establish himself as a successful shoemaker and operated his own shop for 30 years in Oberlin, from 1877 to 1907. He attended First M. E. church. Mary was a member of the Episcopal Church. Augustus occupied this address until his death in 1912, eight months after the death of his wife. Varying combinations of the seven Rivers children - Diza, Augustus J., Joseph Emile, Leontine, Alice, Victoria, and Honore (alternately Honora) are listed in the city directory as residents here during this time. Diza Rivers was born in 1859. The directory lists her as a dressmaker or seamstress. It appears that she never moved out of 217 E. Lorain and occupied it even after her parents died. In 1942 she is the last Rivers to be listed at this address. She died in 1951. There is not much information about Augustus J. Rivers, Jr., who was born in 1864. His brother Joseph Emile Rivers was born in 1866. Emile is listed at this address in 1920 as ‘Emile Dillon.’ He worked for Columbia Steel in Elyria at that time. In 1912 he was living in California. Leontine was born in 1867 and married Frank Joseph Dillon in 1898. In 1912 she was living in New Jersey. Alice Elvira Rivers was born in 1869. She attended Oberlin High School and College and worked as a cook and caterer. She spent time living in Germany, as well as New Jersey. The year 1871 saw the birth of Victoria Rivers, who was married at about age 15 to Patrick Mason, a professional soldier of mixed race, and gave birth to a daughter - Magdelena (alternately Madelena) Victoria Mason (b. 1890) who is listed as a resident in the 1908 and 1910 entries. It appears she was being cared for by her grandparents, as Victoria died in 1891. Patrick had died of typhoid in 1898. Honore J. Rivers, born in 1876, moved out after he married Jessica West in 1909. He had picked up his father's cobbler trade (he operated his own shop for 35 years) and updated it - at the turn of the century he was one of Oberlin's first to apply modern machinery to the field. After the last Rivers resident moved out in 1942, Raymond Henry Herod, an African American, and his wife Julia moved here in the spring of 1945. Her name was Julia N. Wynn before their marriage in 1942. They had previously lived at 147 E. Lorain. Ray had graduated from OHS in 1937 and had experience as a factory worker in Elyria. In 1948 he was employed by Ford Motor Company. Julia worked in the College library and later in the development office. According to the City Directory, they had one child by 1948. Two children are indicated in 1961. Then the 1970 entry lists Raymond Herod, his wife Elizabeth, and indicates one child residing with them. Raymond died in 1992. Elizabeth Herod is the current owner.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

45. Sources