This vernacular gabled ell house has a full front porch that wraps around at the northeast side of the house. The porch has a hip roof and simple, square wood supports. The wall around the perimeter of the porch is covered with asbestos shingles that simulate wood in an comprised of wood, and have wood railings. Lattice runs below the porch, which has a wood floor. At the front/north facade, in the gabled portion, a modern door is at the right and a 1/1 double hung window is at the left. A narrow pair of 1/1 double hung windows is in the second story. Another narrow window is in the gable. In the ell of the facade, at the left, a north-facing modern door is at the first story, continued...

This house was built at least by 1874, according to city directories. Allen Smith and his brother Harvey came to Oberlin in 1845. They were listed at this address in 1874 as laborers. Allen was also a ditcher and sanitary laborer. His wife Mary Louisa (nee Brown), a dressmaker, was listed here during 1877 as well. The Smiths had twelve children. Their son Harvey was listed in 1890, as well as Joseph, a carpenter. Later Arthur, Levantia, Libia, and Olivia, were also listed. The Smiths resided here through 1902. The Smiths and nearly all other residents of the house were African American. In 1900 and 1902, Olivia's husband Hamilton Mosby also lived with the family. George A. Thomas resided here in 1904 with his wife Lydia (nee Lott). They had emigrated to Oberlin from... continued...

This house is located on one of Oberlin's busier streets and has no outbuildings.

45. Sources of Information
8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

Door Selection: Altered
Door Position: Flush
Orientation: Gable with lateral wing
Symmetry: Bilateral asymmetry
1. No. LOR-02048-21

2. County Lorain

3. Site/parcel

4. Present Name(s) Lamie House

5. Historic or Other Name(s) Smith-Lamley House

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

1/1 double hung windows are at the first and second stories and are slightly left of center; the second story window is slightly smaller than the first story window. The attic vent has been covered with a wood board. At the east elevation, simple wood steps lead to the wrap-around porch; they have wood railings. The porch takes up about half of the east elevation. Within the porch, a rectangular window is set high in the wall. Above the porch, a small 1/1 window is double hung. At the gabled portion of the house, the exterior chimney becomes wider at the base of the chimney. The chimney is flanked by square awning windows at the first story, which are set high in the wall. A one-story addition has a rear-facing gable and the roof's eaves extend out over the east side. In the addition, a modern door at the far left corner has a c. 1950s metal hood above it. A 1/1 double hung window is right of the door in the addition.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Amherstburg, Canada in 1898. In 1908 Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, widow of William, was listed here with her son Merton V. and a Mrs. Mary Richardson. The next known occupants in 1916 were John Henry Champe and his wife Nettie (or Nellie; nee Williams). John was retired during this time and also a gardener. Their son Henry, a waiter, cook, and caterer at Hobbi's Restaurant, was listed here as well in 1916. Henry's second wife Harriet's son Edward was also listed here as being a carpenter. The Champes resided here through 1920. A seamstress named Cordelia Beauchamp also lived with them that year. The next known resident was Mrs. Lucy C. Herod, widow of Henry, in 1929. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams occupied the home during 1933. From 1935 through 1939, Percy L. Williams resided here with his wife Cora L. Percy was a pewterman and their son's name was Lanye. Cora L. Williams is also listed during 1942. The next known occupants were Mrs. Nettie Atkinson and her three children during 1948. In 1956, William E. Lemley and his wife Nettie (possibly Nettie Atkinson) resided here with their two children. William was a moulder for General Industries and a foundry worker for US Steel. He was listed here through 1970, and then only his wife was listed through 1980. The house must have been divided in two for a period of time beginning in 1956 with the Lemley family continuing to live in 263. Mary Pettiford, a cook for Haulk's Rest Home, and H. E. McGee were listed at 263 1/2 in 1956. In 1961, Thomas C. Stricklin and his wife Alma K. were listed at 263 1/2. Thomas was a truck driver for the city. During 1970, Roy S. Pinkston Jr. and his wife Geneva were listed at 263 1/2. Roy Jr. was an assembler for the Ford Motor Company and they were listed with one child. In 1973, Sharon Lemley was listed at 263 1/2 (presumably Nettie's daughter). It is unknown who has occupied the home after 1980. The current owner is Rodney W. Lamie.

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

45. Sources (Con't)