This vernacular building was built in the ranch style with a moderately pitched gabled roof. The one-story building has a long, rectangular plan. The front elevation maintains a door located in the center that is flush with the exterior wall. Six, six-light windows are located on the front facade, three on each side of the door. A covered area with a flat roof is located on the west elevation, while an enclosed one story, flat roofed addition is continued... The building that Locke's Garden Center is housed in today was moved in 1964 from Parsons Road. It was originally home of the Oberlin Sportsman’s Club, but when the club ran into financial troubles, it sold the building. The four acres of land that Locke’s now sits on was purchased from Donald Love. Additions have been made to the original house (B. Locke). Locke’s Garden Center started in 1928 when Bert A. Locke added a nursery and landscaping component to his grocery store at 24 E. College. continued... Locke's Garden Center is located on E. Lorain St. and is the first building on the south side of the street from its intersection with Oberlin Rd. The facility is in very good condition and is surrounded by other well-maintained buildings.
Locke's Garden Center  

51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

Door Selection: Single centered
Door Position: Flush
Orientation: Lateral axis
Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)
located on the east elevation. Asphalt shingles cover the main roof, while the both ends are covered with standing seam metal roofs. The enclosed area has vertical wood siding as an exterior material, while the rest of the building is covered in with vertical wood members. Wood shingles are located under the roofline on the west elevation. A stone chimney is located on west elevation on the gable end and flushed with the exterior wall. Another building is located behind the front building; it appears to be used for storage. The building has a metal-gabled roof and is covered with either aluminum or vinyl siding.

43. History and Significance (Con't)
The business moved to 11. N. Main, and in 1938, Bert died. The nursery closed, but after a stint in the Navy, Bert's son, Frank C. Locke, revived the nursery at 166 Woodland in 1948. It moved briefly to E. College, and then to its present spot on E. Lorain. Bert T. Locke, Frank's son, presently runs the nursery (Ohio Historic Inventory).

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

45. Sources (Con't)
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