LOR
Wilder House

**6. Specific Address or Location**
58 East Lorain Street

**6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number**
0900076102033

**7. City or Village**
Oberlin

**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**

**9. U.T.M. Reference**

**11. On National Register ?**
No

**12. N.R. Potential ?**
Yes

**13. Part of Esth Hist Dist?**
No

**14. Dist. Potential ?**
Yes

**15. Name of Established District (N.R. or Local)**

**16. Thematic Association(s)**
Commercial, Education

**17. Date(s) or Period**
1902-08

**18. Style or Design**
No academic style - vernacular

**18a. Style of Addition or Element(s)**

**19. Architect or Engineer**
unknown

**19a. Design Sources**
unknown

**20. Contractor or Builder**
unknown

**21. Building Type or Plan**
Other House

**22. Original Use, if apparent**
Single Dwelling

**23. Present Use**
Single Dwelling

**24. Ownership**
Private

**25. Owner’s Name & Address, if known**

**26. Property Acreage**
.10

**27. Other Surveys in Which Included**
no

**28. No. of Stories**
2

**29. Basement?**
Full

**30. Foundation Material**
Sandstone

**31. Wall Construction**
Wood Frame

**32. Roof:**
Gable

**33. No. Bays**
Front 2
Side 3

**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)**
Wood, Shingle

**35. Plan Shape**
Rectangular

**36. Changes (Explain in #42)**
Unknown

**37. Window Type(s)**
Other

**38. Bldg. Dims.**
22' x 40'

**39 Endangered?**
No

**40. Chimney Placement**
Center

**41. Distance from road**
35' approx.

**41b. Frontage on road**
46'

**42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features**
This simple house has a porch with a hip roof and round Doric columns. The railing is shingled. The front door is on the left side of the porch, and a bay window is on the right. On the second story, two windows face the road. Above these two windows is an attic window; instead of a lintel above the window, the siding of the house arches over it, almost like an eyebrow dormer. The house has a stringcourse and cornice returns. On the east side of the house is a bay window. On the west side, there are two doors into the house.

**43. History and Significance**
This house was built some time between 1902-1908, and the earliest known resident was Gershon A. Wilder, the manager of Coles Lumberyard. Since then it has had many short-term owners, including William Powers in the 1920s, who had an electrical store, Walter Carpenter in the 1930s, a teacher, and Dr. Ward A. Richardson in the 1940s. Lloyd Burneson, a salesman, with his wife Ruth lived in the house in the 1950s and '60s.

**44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (see #52)**
There is a large tree in front of the house. The house has no driveway of its own, but the driveway of Peace Community Church two buildings to the west leads to an alley behind the house.

**45. Sources of Information**

**46. Prepared by**
D.G. Henry, G. Baudoin, M. Franck

**47. Organization**
O.H.I.O. and H.P.C.

**48. Date Recorded**
1/25/2002

**49 Revised by**

**50a. Date Revised**

**50b. Reviewed by**
51. Condition of Property
- Excellent
- Good/Fair
- Deteriorated

54. Farmstead Plan
- OAI Completed?
  - No

52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

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