**270 West Lorain Street**

**Lorain County**

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**4. Present Name(s)**

Harvey House

**6. Specific Address or Location**

270 West Lorain Street

**28. No. of Stories**

Two story

**16. Thematic Associations:**

African American,

**17. Date(s) or Period**

c. 1886-1887

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**21. Building Type or Plan**

Gabled Ell

**31. Wall Construction**

Balloon frame/western frame/plank style

**32. Roof Type**

Cross gable

**33. No. of Bays**

2 Side Bays

**34. Exterior Wall Material(s)**

Clapboard or weatherboard

**35. Plan Shape**

L-shaped

**36. Changes**

Addition Yes

**37. Window Type(s)**

1 over 1,

**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road**

Approx. 50'

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

This is an example of a vernacular Gable Ell in Oberlin. The house has a porch situated in the L and contains a shed roof and one simple, metal support. The main facade has two one-over-one windows at the first story with wood pediments. A pair of narrow, two-over-two windows with a flat hood above is located at the second story. Knee braces are situated below the hood that covers the windows. The gable has a machine-cut decorative wood piece at continued...

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

This house appears in the 1887 directory & lists Alfred G Harvey as the owner. Alfred may be Allen Harvey, a barber & former slave who came to Oberlin around 1890 & built a house on W Lorain (Bigglesworth 100). Alfred was an African-American barber, oilman, & worked in coal oil; his wife was named Carrie (Holsworth). They lived here until 1894. From 1895-96, the Close family lived here (City Directory). R.M. Close was a farmer. His wife was Rosetta B & their 3 children were Annette "Nettie" E, continued...

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

The house is in stable condition and has a detached, two-car garage with a pyramidal roof.

**45. Sources of Information**

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4. Present Name(s)  Harvey House
5. Historic or Other Name(s)  Harvey House

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

53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

54. Farmstead Plan

FOR OHPO USE:
49. Revised By:
50a. Date Revised:
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RPR Number:

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

the center. The west elevation contains an addition. The original portion has two one-over-one windows with wood pediments above them in the first story. The second story has a simple one-over-one window. The addition has two one-over-one windows with wood pediments above. The east elevation features two one-over-one windows in the gabled portion with wood pediments above the windows. The second story has a pair of one-over-one windows with a flat hood, as in the main facade. The gable at this elevation also has a decorative, machine-cut piece. Left of the gabled portion, a small porch has cement steps leading up to it. The one-story addition has two small one-over-one windows with wood pediments. The rear elevation contains the addition, which has a door at the left with cement steps leading up to it. The original portion of the house features a four-over-one window with vertical muntins at the left and another window right of the addition's roof.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)

Rosetta D, and Henry M (Holsworth). From 1897-98, Emma L & Charles William Harding, a student at the Oberlin Academy, & later a cattle breeder, lived here with their son, Harry (Holsworth). Alice Lay, a teacher, lived here with the Hardings (City Directory). In 1899, Mrs. DeWolf Peck lived here, & from 1902-04 (possibly longer) Mary Wright lived here with her children Minnie, twins Chauncy G & Clarence J, Frederick I, & Mable Zoe (Holsworth). They owned Wright & Parson's grocery (City Directory). A park in Oberlin is named for Clarence Wright. The next occupant, in 1908, was Charles E Bell, a janitor who lived here after his wife Wilnettie's death with his two children, Irma G & Earl W (City Directory, Oberlin News). In 1910, Rev. W Flammer & Mary Murphy lived here, followed by Frank Glaser in 1916. By 1927 Joseph A Hull, a truck driver for the state highway department lived here with his wife, Anna E & their children for over 40 years. Their children were Harrison K, Wilmah J, & Wilbur S (1930 Census).

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

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