284 Oak Street
Lorain

6. Specific Address or Location

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4. Present Name(s)

5. Historic or Other Name(s)

Hartman-Ransom House

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

A detached, two-car garage, built in 1993, is located behind the house.

45. Sources of Information

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51. Condition of Property: Excellent
52. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies
53. Affiliated OAI Site Numbers

| Door Selection: | Single off center |
| Door Position: | Recessed |
| Orientation: | Other |
| Symmetry: | Bilateral asymmetry |

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

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con’t)
lights above three molded wood panels. A recessed, 1/1 window is situated to the left, with a larger 1/1 window to the right. Two 1/1 windows are in the second story. The right half of the facade has a front-facing gable with a hopper window in the attic that features diagonal muntins. Exposed rafters line the lower edge of the roof. The east elevation contains a projecting, two-story bay near the center, which has cutaway corners at the first story, 1/1 windows, and knee braces. Two 1/1 windows are in the second story of the gable, while two 1/1 windows are left of the bay. Pairs of 1/1 windows are at the first story, right of the bay. A square window is in the attic, in the gable of the bay. A one-story addition is located to the far right, which has casement windows and lattice below, as well as dentil molding below the roof. The west elevation features a hanging wall dormer that begins in the middle of the first story and extends through the attic. A door below the wall dormer includes two lights & two molded wood panels. The bay has knee braces at the corners of the eaves, a 1/1 window, & a rectangular window is in the gable. A narrow window is located immediately left of the bay at the first story & two 1/1 windows are located farther to the left. 1/1 windows are also located in the second story. The rear elevation includes an addition with casement windows at the first story, which was completed in 1993. A small porch off the addition has wood steps at the left side and square supports with chamfered corners. Dentil molding runs below the roof. Three 1/1 windows are located right of the porch. In the second story, a 1/1 window is to the right, and a small, rectangular window is to the left.

43. History and Significance (Con’t)
Caroline Sara Ashford in 1907, & had one son, Robert (Cromie). Mr. Jelliffe was head of OC’s English department in 1935 & taught at the college from 1907-1949 (Alumni Register Int. 37). The Jelliffes lived in this house until about 1942 (City Directory). The owner of the house from the 1950s-1993 was Russell Reynolds and his wife Harriet. Russell was the founder of the National Association of College Stores in Chicago and it moved to Oberlin in 1949. Harriett worked for the World Council of Churches in Oberlin, as a secretary for the Oberlin School of Theology & First Church, as well as a volunteer chaplain at Allen Memorial Hospital (Allen Memorial Hospital Foundation 3). Harriet was also president of Oberlin Church Women United in the 1980s, member of the American Association of University Women & volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Russell & Harriet’s children were James & Judith (Mackens) (Oberlin News-Tribune 2). They lived here until about 1993.

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