**Ohio Historic Inventory**

**LOR-1762-21**

**1. No.**
LOR-1762-21

**2. County**
Lorain

**3. Location of Negatives**
O.H.I.O. Resource Center

**4. Present Name(s)**
Formed Metal Products Inc. Building

**5. Historic or Other Name(s)**

**6. Specific Address or Location**
185 North Oberlin Road

**7. City or Village**
Oberlin

**8. Site Plan with North Arrow**

**9. U.T.M. Reference**
Quadrangle Name: Oberlin
Easting: 399805
Northing: 4572117

**10. Classification:**
Building

**11. On National Register?**
No

**12. Part of Established Hist. Dist?**
No

**13. Other Designation (NR or Local)**

**14. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary)**
This property used to lie outside the city limits on what is also known as Crosby Street. However, it now lies within the city of Oberlin. A few city directories list Crosby, but since there are no addresses, it is difficult to know which people might have been at this site. It may never have been used as a house; its only use may be light manufacturing (this is its current use) (Property Card). The current owner is Lester A. Ebosh; he acquired the property in 1989 (Property Card). Also continued...

**15. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)**
The well-maintained building is located across the street from an apartment complex, on a road that becomes increasingly rural as it heads north. Residences and industrial buildings are nearby.

**16. Thematic Associations:**
MANUFACTURING/INDUSTRIAL,

**17. Date(s) or Period**
c. 1950

**18. Style or Design**
High Style

**19. Architect or Engineer**

**20. Contractor or Builder**

**21. Building Type or Plan**
Quonset

**22. Original Use, if apparent**
UNKNOWN USE,

**23. Present Use**
UNKNOWN USE,

**24. Ownership**
Private

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

**26. Property Acreage**
2.00

**27. Other Surveys**

**28. No. of Stories**
One story

**29. Basement?**
No

**30. Foundation Material**
Unknown

**31. Wall Construction**
Metal/steel frame

**32. Roof Type**
Other

**33. Roof Material**
Unknown

**34. No. of Bays**
3

**35. Plan Shape**
Rectangular

**36. Changes (Explain in #42)**
Addition: Yes
Altered: Moved

**37. Window Type(s)**
1 over 1,

**38. Building Dimensions**
unknown

**39. Endangered?**
By What?

**40. Chimney Placement**
No chimney observed

**41. Distance from & Frontage on Road**
Approx. 25'

**42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary)**
This Quonset is comprised of a small original structure that is situated to the front and left of a much larger, contemporary Quonset-style addition. The front facade of the original building is very simple. The solid, plain door is located at the center of the elevation, which is the flat end of the building. A metal railing leads down the steps that reach the door, which is below street level. Small one-over-one windows flank the door, and they continued...

**43. Sources of Information**

**44. Prepared By:**
Petersen, T Reeves, M Surovy

**45. Organization:**
O.H.I.O.

**46. Date Recorded:**
08/19/2003
have vertical metal bars over them. A light is fixed at the center of the arch. The exterior of the end is comprised a wood sheets. The building has no chimney, rather, pipes rise from the roof. The roof is made from an undetermined material; its corrugated surface is painted and decorated with hash marks. No other ornament is visible on the original structure. The two-story, larger Quonset is attached to the southeast corner of the smaller building. This addition, which appears to be under construction, has small one-over-one windows in the second story. A door is the only feature in the first story, and it is located to the far left. This door also begins below street level. A wall extends approximately two feet up and six feet from the right corner of the facade; a total of nine walls project from the south elevation below the roof. A concrete exterior runs below the roof, between each projecting wall.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

according to the property card, the addition (a very large Quonset next to the smaller Quonset) was constructed in 1986. Based on the style and building type, the original structure was probably built between 1942-1950 (Gordon). The building currently houses Formed Metal Products Inc, a metal stamping company (Oberlin Phone Book).

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

45. Sources (Con't)

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