A large bush obscures much of the front/west facade of this vernacular cross-gable house. A small, one-story entryway with a hip roof is located in the junction of the front (west) and north-facing gables. One thin, square wood post supports the roof where it hangs over the front door. To the left of the entry, in the lateral portion of the north-facing gable, is a 1/1 double hung window. The first story of the front gable has two 1/1 double hung windows. The second story contains paired 1/1 double hung windows at center; to the left, there is also one located above the entryway. The south elevation is also partially obscured by the bush. At left, there is a 1/1 double hung window in the lateral portion of the front-facing gable in the first story. The south-facing gable, at center, also includes a 1/1 double hung window in each story; the window in the first story is centered while the one in the second is located at the right edge. To the right there are two one-story additions with shed roofs. The first has a more steeply pitched roof and is older than the other, which was added between 1904 and 1911 (based on Sanborn maps). The second includes a back porch continued...

The pre-1894 address of this house was 12 N. Pleasant. A house has been located at this address since at least 1868, although that house is no longer standing. The first known residents of that house in 1873 were Levi Thurston Whitney (1837-1926) and his wife Mary (nee King 1840-1940). Levi attended the Oberlin Preparatory school from 1857-1858 and was a clerk of dry goods in his own store named Johnson and Whitney at what became 15 West College. He later owned a clothing store called Whitney and Son (at what became 17 West College) and was a Republican leader in Oberlin. The Whitneys had several children: Frances Augusta, Charles King, Florence Mary, Luman S., and Grace Gardner. The next known occupant was Reverend J. R. Jewitt (also spelled Jewett) from at least 1883 through 1887. continued...

Behind this house is a one story garage. The gabled entry faces north and has a single car door. This house is located on a residential street without much traffic.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #32)

45. Sources of Information
Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center, City Directories, Oberlin Phone Book and Past Perfect collections program; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com/auditorindex.shtml, accessed 2009; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Oberlin, Ohio; Oberlin Bird's-Eye View illustration, 1868; 'Levi T. Whitney,' Portrait, Oberlin News, 7/7/1915, Pg. 1; 'Editorial on Levi T. Whitney's Career, Character,' 6/30/1915, Pg. 4; 'Henry F. Smith Elected President of continued...
1. No.       LOR-02094-21       4. Present Name(s)       Winfield House
2. County  Lorain
5. Historic or Other Name(s) Frederick-Rhodes-Harrison House

8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan:

- Door Selection: Single off center
- Door Position: Recessed
- Orientation: Gable end axis
- Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #: 
42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

with a bank of windows. The north elevation has two 1/1 double hung windows in the first floor of the north-facing gable and a 1/1 double hung window in the gable. To the left is a one-story wing with an east facing gable. It has a fixed rectangular window surrounded by many small square lights. At the back is the rear-most shed roof addition, containing two pairs of 1/1 windows. This house is similar in design to 237 North Pleasant Street in Oberlin.

43. History and Significance (Con't)

Based on city directory continuity and the 1897 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, it is likely that the house currently standing at this address was built circa 1890 for the next residents: the Fredricks. Jacob Fredrick (Frederick; b. 1856) and family lived at this address from approximately 1890 to 1899. Jacob owned the dry goods store in Oberlin with his brother, called A. J. Fredrick and Co., and was a City Council member. His wife Libbie L. and he had one daughter named Alice Libbie (b. 1882) who attended the Oberlin Conservatory from 1897-1899. Reverend Inglis E. Bill Jr. (b. 1871) and his wife Blanche T. (b. 1878) resided here in 1900. Reverend Bill was pastor of the First Baptist Church. Next, the Avery family lived here from at least 1902 through 1910. Harry Harrison Avery (1871-1965) was an auditor, bank teller, and cashier. He married Mary Estella (nee Ralston 1871-1937) and they had a son named Arthur Collins (1908-1998). Arthur graduated from Oberlin High School in 1929 and was a bookkeeper with his father, and also a woodworker. In 1908 Edith E. Burt, a former student of the Conservatory of Music, also lived in the house, along with the Averys. The next recorded family were the Parks in 1916. William N. Parks (b. 1862) was a teacher and superintendent for the Oberlin schools. He married Nancy J. (b. 1866) and they had five children: Ewart R. (b. 1886), Elsie V. (b. 1888), Essie May (b. 1891), Earl Erwin (b. 1897), and Esther Laverne (b. 1899). In 1920 Horace Bassett (b. 1897) and his wife Gladys (nee Peabody; 1864-1932) were residents at this address. Horace was a carpenter and they had two children named Horace (b. 1917) and Maxine (b. 1919). The next known occupants were the Rhodes in 1929. Charles Henry Rhodes (1861-1941) was a farmer who married Capitolia V. (nee Peabody; 1864-1932) (it is unknown if she was related to Gladys Peabody). Their son Mark H. (1886-1960) was an engineer with his father, worked for the state highway department, and married a woman named Nettie. Their daughter Effie M. (1890-1944) was a manager at Connor Dry Cleaning, and also worked in nursing. After her parents' deaths, Effie resided here until 1944. The next known occupant in 1948 was Glenn Wesley Harrison (1915-1972) and his wife Wilma Reid, a library assistant. G. W. graduated from Oberlin High School in 1935 and was a gas station attendant, sheet metal worker, factory worker, and proprietor of Harrison's Service Station. He was also a member of Christ Episcopal Church and the Ohio Hardware Association. After Glenn's death in 1972, his son Douglas Harrison owned the house (although city directories continued to list Glenn through 2005). Douglas died in 2008 and the current owner, Rebecca Winfield, is his goddaughter.

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

45. Sources (Con't)