This vernacular gabled ell house has two stories and a rough-cut sandstone foundation for a basement. The house faces west and was probably originally built in a T plan shape with a front gable and gable ends (cross gables). Successive additions in the back make the plan more cross-like. The front, central gable was two 2/2 double hung windows on the first floor and paired narrow 1/1 double hung windows on the second floor. Porches on each side of gable cover entrances into each ell. The porches were likely replaced, due to the materials used, and have cement stairs and metal railings. The ells on both the north and south sides of the house have doors on the west walls with 1/1 glass panes and neither doors appear original. On the north elevation of the house, the front gable section has one 2/2 double hung window centered on the second floor. The first back addition has an entrance with a modern wooden stair and ramp. On the south side of the house, the front gable section has one 2/2 double hung window centered on the second floor. Continued...
1. No. LOR-02236-21
2. County Lorain
4. Present Name(s) Anthony Garcia House
5. Historic or Other Name(s) Payne-Waite-McMickens House

54. Farmstead Plan:
   - Door Selection: Two doors symmetrical
   - Door Position: Flush
   - Orientation: Gable end axis
   - Symmetry: Bilateral symmetry

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41. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

floor. The ell section has two 2/2 double hung windows on the first floor and paired 1/1 double hung windows on the second floor. The first addition, or the one closest to the main part of the house, has a 2/2 double hung window on the first floor. The second addition has a 1/1 double window on the first floor. Both additions are one story tall and appear to have a rear-facing gable. The rear of the house, or east elevation, has cement stairs and a door that leads into the second addition.

42. History and Significance (Con't)

and Elizabeth Waite (aka Wait) and their children Horace and Florence were the residents of the house, and they remained until 1929. Hubert was on the Oberlin Board of Commerce in 1916. Horace graduated from Oberlin College in 1905 while Florence graduated in 1909. Florence married and left the house by 1910 while her brother Horace left sometime before 1927. William John Fitzner lived with Hubert and his wife in 1927. William left by 1929 and electrician James Hum and his wife Artie lived with the Waite's that same year. The Waites and Humes were replaced by chef Joseph A. Nesta and his wife Christine. John H. Andrews and his wife Mertie, who was the daughter of Arthur Monroe who had previously lived in the house, lived with Joseph and Christine in 1933. From 1935-36, Kenneth Powers, a clerk, his wife Pearl, a cashier at the telephone office, their children, and Kenneth’s mother, Mary Jane Powers, lived in the house. They left by 1939 when Winfield Smith Yost and his wife Gertrude moved in. Winfield was employed by the Ohio Electric Power Company. Herbert G. Smith and his wife Mary also lived with the Yosts until 1939, when Glenn Babcock and his wife Alice, a clerk, moved in. Glenn Babcock was a meat man who was widely known in Oberlin for his connections with the Meat Department in the Kroger Chain Store. There was also documentation of a Glen Babcock who was an Evangelical Reverend that gave sermons every Sunday night, who may or may not be the same individual. In 1940, William Helfrich and his wife Jeanette, a nurse, moved in with the Babcocks. William was a factory worker in Elyria. That same year, Kert Louis, who was in charge of services at Auto Body Shop, and his wife Betty lived with them too. Although in 1941 only William Helfrich appears in the directory, in 1942 the Babcocks are still listed there as well as Charles Junior Oakley and his wife Marion L. No one is listed from 1943-44 but in 1948, Arthur Neal, an employee of the Ridge Tool Company, and his wife Loretta, were listed as the only residents. From 1955-56, Perry G. Wals and his wife Amelia, as well as Clayton H. Hoffner and his wife Joan, lived here. Perry was a barber at Perry’s Barbers while Clayton took care of maintenance of Oberlin High School. From 1961-2004, Isaac McMickens, an engineer, was listed as a resident, although other family members likely lived in the home since his passing away in 1990. Amelia Beranek also lived with the McMickens from 1961-1970. The house was sold by Randall McMickens (son of Isaac) to Anthony Garcia in 2007 and Garcia is the current owner and resident.

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

44. Sources (Con't)