# Ohio Historic Preservation Office



567 E. Hudson St. Columbus, OH 43211 614/298-2000

# **OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY**

RPR Number:

1. No.         LOR-02036-21         4. Present Name(s)         Evans House				
2. County Lorain 5. Historic or Oth		er Name(s) Russell-Evans House		LOR-0203 6-21
6. Specific Address or Location <b>154 Groveland</b>	4	19a. Design Sources	35. Plan Shape L-shaped	5 2
6a. Lot. Section or VMD Number		20. Contractor or Builder <b>32' x 45'</b> 21. Building Type or Plan	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. <b>Original/Most significant construct</b>	Drain
900086110050		Gabled Ell           22. Original Use, if apparent	<sup>17b.</sup> Substantial alteration/addition	
7. City or Village Oberlin		Single Dwelling Multiple Dwelling Club	37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1	Πţ
9. U.T.M. Reference Quadrangle Name: <b>Oberlin</b> 17 398538 4571189		23. Present Use RESIDENTIAL/DOMESTIC	38. Building Dimensions	4. Present or Historic Name(s) Evans House
	rthing	24. Ownership <b>Private</b> 25. Owner's Name & Address. if known	39. Endangered? YES By What?	House
10. Classification:       Building         11. On National Register?       NO		Mary L. Evans 154 Groveland St.	Alterations	INALLEA
13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? <b>NO</b> 15. Other Designation (NR or Local)		Oberlin, OH, 44074       26. Property Acreage     0.29       27. Other Surveys	40. Chimney Placement Center 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road	
		28. No. of Stories Two story	30' 51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair	-
16. Thematic Associations: Architectural Materials African American Metal Industries 17. Date(s) or Period 17b. Alteration Date(s)		29. Basement? Yes 30. Foundation Material Brick bearing	52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type	•
	Alteration Date(s) nown	31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame	Date	
No academic style - Vernacular           18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s)           19. Architect or Engineer		32. Roof Type Gable Roof Material	Associated Activity	
		Asphalt shingle       33. No. of Bays     3     Side Bays     4       34. Exterior Wall Material(s)	53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI)	
ŭ		Asbestos/asphalt siding	Archaeological (OAI)	

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

This vernacular gabled ell features a full, c. 1950 front porch across the front/south facade. The porch has a metal roof, metal supports, and metal railings. Concrete steps lead up to the cement base of the porch. At the gabled portion of the house, within the porch, a door is located at the left and a 1/1 double hung replacement window is at the center and right. In the second story, two 1/1 double hung windows are replacements. In the gable, a pair of small, original windows includes windows that each have horizontal muntins, arched tops, and wood surrounds. The west elevation has three 1/1 double hung windows at the first story; the far right window is smaller than the other two. A slightly larger 1/1 double hung window is left of center in the second story; a small gable within the roof is above this window. A square window below the left eave of the gable has been replaced with a wood board. The enclosed porch (possibly not a porch, but an addition) at the rear of the house has a door at the far left; the exterior of the enclosed porch is different than that of the house (it appears to be wood clapboard, but this is difficult to determine). At the east continued...

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

This house was built circa 1877, according to city directory research. Its first known occupants were an African American couple, John R. Russell and his wife Mary (nee McPherson) of that year. All subsequent residents of the house also appeared to be African American. John was a carpenter. They were also listed with their children Josephine and John Jr. and in 1899 with children Lucile Ward and Fred D. John's sons were carpenters as well. In 1908 Fred D. was listed here with his wife Grayce. John Russell's second wife (Eliza) was listed here from 1916 through 1933. In 1910, Julia Brown, who was born a slave and widow to James Brown, resided here (presumably her daughter Mrs. Eliza Russell did also, although she was not listed until 1916). Mrs. Sallie Newton and her mother Salla continued...

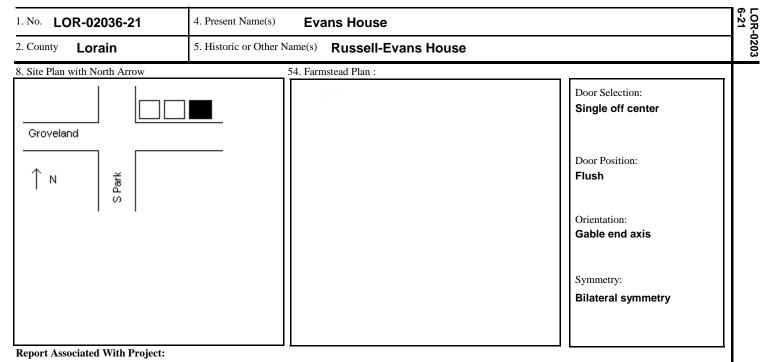
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52)

This house has no outbuildings and is located on a residential street.

## 45. Sources of Information

O-High Alumni, Internet, http://www.oberlin-high.org, Accessed January 2008.; City Directories, Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center.; Holsworth, Pat, Oberlin Pioneer Database.; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.; Gordon, Stephen C., 'How to Complete the Ohio Historic Inventory,' Ohio Historical Society, Columbus. 1992.; McAlester, Virginia and Lee. 'A Field Guide to American Houses.' Alfred K. Knopf Inc. New York. 2000.; 'Alumni Register: Graduates and Former Students, Teaching and Administrative continued...

6. Specific Address or Location **154 Groveland** 



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

elevation, towards the front of the house, two 1/1 double hung windows are at the first story. At the second story, 6/6 double hung windows are at the left, while a 1/1 double hung replacement window is to the right. At the east-facing gabled side, a 1/1 double hung window is at the first and second stories, facing both east and south. The east-facing windows do not line up; the lower window is to the right and the upper window is to the left.

#### 43. History and Significance (Con't)

(or Sallie) Lee also lived with Eliza Russell in 1920. This home was vacant from 1935-36 and then occupied by the Oberlin Men's Club and Levi Frederic Glenn in 1937. Levi was an African American laborer and employee of Oberlin College. In 1939 Gertrude I. Prinne (nee Spencer) was listed here as well as Mrs. Frances Winfield. Mrs. Prinne was also listed in 1942 along with Robert N. Turner and his wife Geraldine, a domestic. Robert was a garage worker and employee of Oberlin Scrap Metal. It is unclear who resided here from 1943-47. In 1948 Charles L. Cain, a laborer, lived here with his wife Alice. Robert F. Hunter also lived here in 1948 with his wife Elberta M. and their two children. Robert was the pastor of the Oberlin Christian & Missionary Alliance Church. The next known occupants were Cephas M. Clayton and his wife Faythe N. in 1956. Cephas was an employee for Steel & Tube and lived here with their four children. The next known occupants were Metter and Mary Evans in 1970. Metter was a construction worker. The current owner is listed as Mary L. Evans, Trustee.

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

### 45. Sources (Con't)

Staff, (1833-1960).' Oberlin College, 1961.; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor/index.shtml, Accessed 2008. 'Aunt Julia, Born a Slave,' Oberlin Weekly News, 24 June 24 1914, p. 1; Bigglestone, William E. 'They Stopped in Oberlin.' Oberlin: Oberlin College, 2002.