

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Eastlake Houses of Ashley, ~~Ohio~~ Thematic Resources *OK to address to Bureau as historic*
and/or common

2. Location

street & number 500 E. High St., 505 E. High St., 223 W. High St. — not for publication
and 101 N. Franklin St.

city, town Ashley, Ohio — vicinity of congressional district 12th

state Ohio code 039 county Delaware code 041

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
— district	— public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	— agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	— unoccupied	— commercial
— structure	— both	— work in progress	— educational
— site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	— entertainment
— object	— in process	— yes: restricted	— government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thematic	— being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	— industrial
		— no	— military
			— other:

4. Owner of Property

1. Richard & Melinda Opel	3. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lynn
2. Jan & Douglas Wilson	4. James & Nancy Bartha
1. 223 W. High St.	3. 101 N. Franklin St.
2. 505 E. High St.	4. 500 E. High St.

city, town Ashley — vicinity of state Ohio

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Delaware County Courthouse

street & number North Sandusky Street

city, town Delaware state Ohio

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ohio Historic Inventory has this property been determined eligible? — yes ☒ no

date 5/79 — federal — state — county — local

depository for survey records Ohio Historic Preservation Office I-71 & 17th Avenue

city, town Columbus state Ohio

7. Description

Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The four houses described in this nomination are located in the village of Ashley in Delaware County, Ohio. They were all constructed between 1891 and 1901. They display striking similarities in design and stand out as unusually ornate buildings in this small town.

Opel House- This house, constructed in 1891--is the earliest of the four. It is constructed of wood frame on a stone foundation with a gable roof. The buildings was originally one room deep. The three bay facade features a gabled projection with a projecting bay window with colored glass insets and a pent roof. An angled window with Eastlake brackets and pendants is located at the northeast corner of the house. The decorative porch is two bays wide. The other elevations are fairly plain. A projecting bay window is located on the west elevation. Decorative siding--dado of diagonal siding and an undulant pattern shingles on the upper story--add interest to the exterior design. A large frame was added to the rear of the house. The interior has been altered and "modernized."

Wilson House - This two story wood frame residence on a stone foundation with a hipped roof was constructed in 1892. The facade is symmetrical with a central double hung 1 over 1 window on each story. On the first story it is flanked by angled windows with decorative brackets and pendants. Identical Eastlake porches are located midway on the east and west elevations and face south toward the street. Horizontal siding is used on the first story and undulant pattern siding on the second. The rear elevation is quite plain. A one story addition extends the length of the rear of the house. Double hung 1 over 1 windows are used throughout. The plan is "T" shaped and that form is maintained today. Interior window and door frames are intact.

Lynn House - This house, which was also constructed in 1892, is very similar to the Wilson House. It is constructed of wood frame on a stone foundation and has an intersecting gable roof with composition shingles. The house is "T" shaped in plan with a projecting central section flanked by identical Eastlake porches. The simple horizontal siding is accented with panels of imbricated and wavy siding beneath the windows. The windows are all double hung 1 over 1 lights. A one story frame addition has been constructed across the rear of the house. This building has been vacant for some time.

Bartha House - This house, constructed in 1901, is the latest and most ornate of the four. It is constructed of wood frame on a stone foundation. The steeply pitched gabled dormers and hipped roof are covered with green and gray diamond patterned composition shingles. The house is irregular in plan. The variety of window shapes and sizes, materials and decorative elements contribute to its lively appearance.

The facade is dominated by a projecting bay with a central stained glass window and angled windows decorated with pendants with Eastlake brackets. A large roof dormer features a sunburst design above the window. The double hung 1 over 1 windows have glass inset borders on the upper sash. A handsome Eastlake porch is located in the easternmost bay of the facade.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

Eastlake Houses, Ashley, Delaware County, Ohio

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CONTINUATION SHEET Bartha House

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The west elevation also features a projecting bay with brackets and pendants and panels of imbricated shingles below. The east and north elevations are similar and less ornate than the other elevations. They also features multi-color windows, and steeply pitched gable dormers. A simple porch, probably later, is located at the rear of this elevation. The northeast porch is now enclosed.

The interior has survived relatively unchanged. Interior details include a parquet floor in the hallway, finials on downstairs baseboard and detailed carving on the stairway and window frames. The house is located on a corner landscaped lot on a residential street in Ashley.

Verbal Summary: old house

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Eastlake Houses of Ashley are significant 1) as outstanding examples of turn-of-the-century architecture in this small Delaware county community and 2) for the quality of design, craftsmanship and ornamentation displayed by all four individually and as a grouping.

The Opel House was the earliest and simplest of the four followed by the Wilson and Lynn Houses which are similar and were constructed the same year. The Bartha House is the latest and most elaborate of the four buildings. It was undoubtedly influenced by the earlier houses but its combination of materials, forms and outstanding craftsmanship make it the culmination of the Eastlake influence in Ashley. It is believed that all four Eastlake houses were built by Toddy Porterfield, an important local woodworker who was responsible for a number of Ashley buildings around the turn-of-the-century.

The village of Ashley was plotted in 1849 when the first railroad between Cincinnati and Cleveland passed through the county. According to several Delaware County histories, the community prospered by the presence of the railroad and its close proximity to fertile farmland. In the 1880's, High Street (State Rt. 229) became the fashionable residential street where prosperous bankers and merchants built their homes.

The village of Ashley was bypassed by the Interstate highway and has remained isolated and nearly unchanged from its 1920's appearance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Oaks, Joanne. "The Bartha House: Eastlake and Eastern-Stick Styles," Unpublished paper, Blumenson, Jon J.-G. Identifying American Architecture. Nashville: American Association for State and Local History, 1977.
Campen, Richard N. Ohio--An Architectural Portrait, Chagrin Falls, Ohio: The West Summit Press & Richard N. Campen, 1973.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property c. 1 acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Ashley

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated properties include Ashley Lot# 102, 196, 199 and Outlot #6 parcel # 1-0145.00

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joanne F. Oaks/ Nancy Recchie

organization Ohio State University/ Columbus Landmarks Foundation date 2/80

street & number 22 North Front Street telephone (614) 221-0227

city or town Columbus state Ohio 43215

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

William D. Harlan
Acting SHPO

date 9/15/80

title

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

date