

## Alliance Historic Preservation Commission

504 East Main Street, Alliance, 44601

### Landmark Nomination Form

1. Specific Address or Location 59 West Ely, Alliance, OH 44601
2. Owner's Name and contact Information: Address, Phone, email  
Thomas and Owen Davidson – 59 West Ely, Alliance, OH 44601 330-206-1493 (Thomas)  
Brothers Thomas and Owen own the house. Thomas lives at 59 West Ely, Owen lives next at 31 West Ely.
3. HISTORICAL INFORMATION
  - A. Date of construction: 1877
  - B. Style: Italianate with Eastlake Style porch
  - C. Original Use: Residence
  - D. Architect or Engineer: unknown
  - E. Present Use: Residence
  - F. Contractor or builder: unknown\_\_
  - G. Building type or plan: irregular
4. Date(s) of alterations: ???\_
5. BUILDING INFORMATION
  - A. Foundation Material: Sandstone
  - B. Wall construction: Brick
  - C. Roof type: Hip
  - D. Roof Material: Asphalt shingles
  - E. Window type: 2 X 2 and 1X1
  - F. Exterior Wall Material (s): Brick, Common bond
  - G. Building Endangered? No
  - H. By What?
  - I. Please note and describe any significant interior or exterior features:  
House is being lovingly restored by Mr. Davidson who inherited the property from his father, Gerald Davidson. He has found various pieces of woodwork in the attic and basement and has reinstalled them e. g. spindle screen in living room, original front double doors and screen door, original windows. There are original fireplaces and elaborately turned oak staircase and balustrade. **This property should have interior protections as well as exterior.**
6. Brief Statement of History and Significance  
Gerald and Evelyn Davidson purchased this house in 1960 from Dora Rose and her son Bill Parson who had operated it as a boarding house. It is owned now by their children, Owen and Thomas Davidson. According to the 1870 atlas it was owned by a J.A. Gardner. Later it was owned by Charles C. Davidson who was Secretary and Manager of the Alliance Building and Savings Company. It is an excellent example of Italianate architecture.
7. Criteria for Designation: (circle one or more)
  - A. Associated with events that made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history, or

- B. Associated with the lives of persons significance in the past, or
  - C. Embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction , or
  - D. Yielded or are likely to yield information important in the history or prehistory
8. Describe how the property meets the criteria for designation as indicated above:  
Meets criteria A and C:  
The house is significant because of the architectural style, its current state of preservation and it is reflective of Alliance's earliest period of business growth because of the early owners.
9. Photographs: Attach photographic views of the property that show all sides and any related structures such as garages or other buildings. Include any significant interior features such as woodwork, plasterwork or fireplaces.
10. Form prepared by Martha McClaugherty
11. Date: 8-20-12  
Use space below for additional information or attach extra sheets