

453 E. PLEASANT ST. (house)  
Proposed Champion Historic District  
Springfield  
Clark County  
Ohio

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Location: 453 E. Pleasant St., Springfield, Clark County, Ohio

Significance: This is one of the older houses in this neighborhood, possibly predating 1870, and is a representative and fairly intact example of working class housing stock from the early post-Civil War era in Springfield. It is architecturally notable for its simple character and Upright-and-Wing form, which was more common to Greek Revival style houses and cottages.

Description: This fairly small house has a T-shaped plan, featuring a two-story upright section facing the street and a one-story lateral wing, set back from the front line of the main section. It also has a lean-to addition to the opposite side of the front-facing main section. The exterior of this house is faced with clapboard siding and its windows are generally symmetrically arranged on the exterior. A chimney is in the center of the lateral wing and a second chimney is in the center of the upright section. The house is very simple, with cornice boards and a plain fascia at the eaves. A small wing connects this house to the commercial building next door to the west, 451 E. Pleasant St.

History: Robert Jardine, plumber & gas fitter, took out a permit in 1882 to tie into the city's water system. His plumbing firm was then located at 90 Scott St. The owner's name was George Weigel, but no such name appears in the city directory for 1883 or 1884. It is possible that Mr. Weigel was a developer who commissioned the construction of this house, which was then sold or rented to another individual. The house may have been built closer to the corner and moved when the commercial building was built, as the house's foundation is more late 19th century in character, similar to that of the commercial building.

By 1915 this house was listed as being vacant. From 1916-23 it was home to Darius Morehead, a carpenter. In 1924 it was vacant and from 1925-31 it was home to Edward F. Rickert, a polisher. It was vacant for a few years and then has been home to a variety of individuals, primarily factory workers.

Sources: 1883, 1915 and later Springfield city directories, Springfield city water tap records (1883), Ohio Historic Inventory form, 3-78. The building stands within a proposed Champion Historic District, which has been determined as an area potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the Ohio State Historic Officer. Copies of information used to make this determination of eligibility for National Register status are at the Springfield Department of Planning and Development and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

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