

**Alliance Historic Preservation Commission**  
504 East Main Street, Alliance, 44601

## Landmark Nomination Form

**1. Specific Address or Location** 1001 Overlook Dr. Alliance, OH 44601 (summer home)

**2. Owner's Name and contact Information: Address, Phone, email** Floyd & Peggy Williams,  
1459 Collins Rd. Fort Myers, FL 33919 (winter home), 239-936-6340, [fdw64@hotmail.com](mailto:fdw64@hotmail.com)

### 3. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Date of construction 1949

B. Style Ranch

C. Original Use Single family

D. Architect or Engineer Carl Standlund

E. Present Use Single family (Summer Home)

F. Contractor or builder Lustron Corp., Columbus, OH

G. Building type or plan All steel construction, Manchester 02, Gray S1012

H. Date(s) of alterations 2012 replaced base cabinet, replaced furnace ?, tiled walls in bathtub ?  
Exterior painted close to original color, added 4 season room 2011

### 4. BUILDING INFORMATION

A. Foundation Material Concrete slab

B. Wall construction Porcelain Steel

C. Roof type Gable

D. Roof Material Porcelain Steel

E. Window type Original steel framing, replaced with vinyl windows.

F. Exterior Wall Material(s) 2 square foot porcelain steel sections.

G. Building Endangered? There were less than 2500 built.

H. By What? It is estimated that only 1,500 of these unique homes survive today. Each year, dozens more are lost to demolition, neglect, and unsympathetic changes and alterations.

I. Please note and describe any significant interior or exterior features. The entire home is made of porcelain steel. The interior has never been painted.

### 5. Brief Statement of History and Significance:

The Lustron House was an innovative solution to the post-WWII housing crisis. Many thought the porcelain enamel clad wonder would be the General Motors of the housing industry. Production began in 1948, but by 1950 production problems and a corruption scandal brought it to a halt. The factory was closed and the equipment sold or scrapped. All in all, only about 2,680 of these unique homes were built. Sadly, it is estimated that

only 1,500 of these unique homes survive today. Each year, dozens more are lost to demolition, neglect, and unsympathetic changes and alterations.

Lustron Preservation, an initiative of the Ohio Historical Society, was created to help ensure that the Lustron legacy is preserved for future generations by creating a centralized source of first-rate technical information for Lustron owners and aficionados. The site is packed full of useful information, from trivia tidbits to high-quality information on how to care for your little porcelain enameled home. Here for the first time, we have assembled a veritable plethora of AMAZING features.

**6. 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

**7. Describe how the property meets the criteria** for designation as indicated above

\*see response to #5

**8. 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.

**9. Form prepared by** Floyd Williams

**10. Date:** September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Use space below for additional information or attach extra sheets.**

The house was purchased from the estate of the original owners, Charles & Dorothy Henschen who were prominent members of the Alliance community. They had added an apartment to the back of the home for their three children. We have tried to maintain the integrity of the building with very few changes. (replaced windows which were very inefficient, added 4 season room, replaced kitchen base cabinets that were not the original cabinets, but used colors that blended in to the original colors.)

\* Please go to the following web site to see additional information  
<http://www.lustronpreservation.org/lustron-library>