12 East Church Street



South side of street

This property was originally a part of Lot 1 Block 8. Tax records seem to indicate a building, or buildings, on the lot by 1857, owner Evens Buzzell. Buzzell also owned the house to the west at the time. Buzzell, and wife, Nelly Jane, bought the property in 1854 from the heirs of Washington Clark, Nelson W. and Phidelia Clark, and Ebenezer and Sarah Ann Clark. The Buzzells sold the property by 1857 to Robert and Fanny Perry. Prices for the two transactions also seem to indicate a structure or structures on the lot at the time. An 1872 Map of the Village shows two building footprints on Lot 1, the one at this address being a simple rectangle. Mrs. Mary D. Howe owned all of Lot 1 Block 8 until 1893 when she kept this piece and sold the east 54' of Lot 1 to Catherine ("Kate") Vliet. Architecturally this house is a Vernacular Style. The low pitched roof of the 1 & 1/2 story with single story section seems to indicate that the building was originally built in the Greek Revival style. However, the brackets under the eaves are reminiscent of the Italian Revival style. There is no evidence at present to explain whether the original buillding was built as a combination of styles or was "updated" later.

Official Property Description

- The west 1/2 of Lot 11 (106) Block 8 of Nelson W. Clark's Original Plat of the Village in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20 in Independence Township.
- Lot 40 (the west 91' of the east 145')
- Lot 1 of the Assessor's Plat.

Significant Property History

- 1831 United States to Butler Holcomb.
- 1833 Butler Holcomb & wife, Mary To Roswell/Roosevelt Holcomb, the west 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20.
- 1833 Butler Holcomb & wife, Mary To Roswell/Roosevelt Holcomb, and wife, Elvine Holcomb, and Daniel B. Holcomb and wife, Alimira to Jeremiah Clark III, the south part of the west 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20.
- 1839 Jeremiah Clark III to Nelson Washington Clark, the undivided 1/2 of the west 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20 commencing.....
- 1842 Jeremiah Clark III & wife, Polly to Nelson W. Clark, the south part of the west 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20. Also other land.
- 1842 Jeremiah Clark III & Nelson W. Clark to Village of Clarkston (Original plat of the Village).
- See 22 E. Church until 1893 when Mary P. Howe kept this piece and sold the east E 54' of Lot 1 Block 8 to Catherine M. Vliet.
- 1903 Mrs. Hannah Kerton, 106' off the west end of Lot 1 Block 8, assessed value $500. Hannah was Mrs. Joseph Kerton. He died in 1902.
- 1914 Hannah Kerton, Estate, 106' off the west end of Lot 1, assessed value $800.
- 1917 Emma (the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Kerton) and Frank Teggerdine, the west 106' of Lot 1, assessed value $1200.
- 1920 Ernest Teggerdine.
- 1927 Etta Teggerdine.
- 1933 "Ella" Teggerdine.
- 1935 Etta Teggerdine.
- 1935 Etta Teggerdine, the west 91' of the east 145' of Lot 1 Block 8.
- 1943 James S. Overly, Pontiac, Lot 40, assessed value $700.
- 1944 James S. Overly, Pontiac, Lot 40, assessed value $700.
- 1954 Elsie Smith.
- 1989 Don and Diane Proctor-rental.

Architecture Style
Vernacular Style
Greek Revival Style
Italian Revival Style