Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	1 East Washington Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-402-031				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.736070	Long: -83.418890			
Ownership	Private ☒	Public-Local ☐	Public-State ☐	Public-Federal ☐	Multiple ☐

Property Type

Building ☒ select sub-type below Commercial ☐ Residential ☐ Industrial ☐ Other ☒	Structure ☐ Object ☐

(Insert primary photograph below.)



Architectural Information

Construction Date	c 1916
Architectural Style	Vernacular
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Hipped
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Brick
Foundation Materials	Unknown
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes ☐ No ☒
Number/Type:	

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A ☐	Criterion B ☐	Criterion C ☐	Criterion D ☐
Criteria Considerations:	a. ☐ b. ☐ c. ☐ d. ☐ e. ☐ f. ☐ g. ☐			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district ☒	Non-contributing to a district ☐	Historic District Name:	Clarkston Historic District
Not Eligible ☐				

Area(s) of Significance	Architectural Significance and Support of the Development of Clarkston					
Period(s) of Significance	1832-1970					
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?						
Location ☒	Design ☒	Materials ☒	Workmanship ☒	Setting ☒	Feeling ☐	Association ☐
General Integrity:	Intact ☒	Altered ☐	Moved ☐	Date(s):		
Historic Name	Masonic Temple					
Current/Common Name	Masonic Temple					
Historic/Original Owner	Masonic Temple, Parker, Thomas, and Milan Vliet					
Historic Building Use	Masonic Temple					
Current Building Use	Masonic Temple					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Pickell, Gordon					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	January 8, 2023	Recorded By	Nancy Moon	Agency Report #	

For SHPO Use Only	SHPO Concurrence?: Y / N	Date:

Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This structure sits on the northeast corner of North Main and East Washington Streets. The second floor of the west (front) elevation has four one over one double hung windows. Two of the windows are narrowly spaced directly above the entrance from the sidewalk along North Main Street. The other two are symmetrically spaced toward the north and south corners. In the middle of the first floor is an entrance at the top of seven cement steps from the sidewalk with black wrought iron railing on both sides of the steps. Near the street level on both sides of the steps the original windows have been eliminated and the opening covered with bricks and a cement slab at the bottom of the opening (possibly the original windowsills). The entrance is a single glass door with the Masonic Temple logo and the wording '" CEDAR LODGE 60 FIRST THURSDAY 8 PM" with three windows across the top of the door and three along each side. Directly above the entrance is a half-circle of four rows of raised brick with a white insert in the middle that reads "CEDAR LODGE NO. 60 F. & A.M." A decorative wrought iron piece hangs from the roof to the center of the half-circle wedge. The bricks on both sides of the entrance are raised also like pilasters. On each side of the entrance is a one over one double hung window directly below a window on the second floor. The window on the first floor at the north end of the west elevation has an awning that reads "CLARKSTON" and signage below that window that reads "SANDERS MARTIAL ARTS KAGE IAIJUTSU RYU 248-625-6430." The window on the south end of the west elevation has an awning that reads "FREEMASONS" and the signage below reads "SANDERS ALTERNATIVE THERAPY CLINIC CRANIOSACRAL & MYOSKELETAL ALIGNMENT THERAPY 248-625-6430." The top of each awning has a triangular evergreen type tree drawing with the words "CEDAR 60" inside the outline of the tree.



(west elevation – along North Main Street)



At the southwest corner is a concrete cornerstone that reads “CEDAR LODGE No. 60 F. AND A. M. 1854-1916.” This Freemasons fraternity chapter was chartered January 13, 1854, and included many important members of the community. The organization took ownership of this building in 1916.



The hipped roof overhang has decorative brackets with a wide wood trim.



(south elevation)

On the second floor of the south elevation on East Washington Street there are seven one over one double hung windows starting about one-third of the way along the building starting from the west end. The first floor has five one over one double hung windows directly below windows two through six on the second level. Below the seventh window on the second floor is a doorway. One cement step leads to the door (at the southeast corner) with its single glass door with the Masonic Temple logo on the glass and wide metal trim across the top of the door. On the southwest corner of the first floor is another entrance with a glass door identifying the organizations within the building. One cement step leads to the door which has a transom with four vertical lights across the top of the entrance with a white wooden half circle pediment above this glass window. The wooden pediment is two carved half circles with a wooden keystone in the middle of the half circles and a painted Masonic Temple logo in the center. This doorway is flanked by raised brick pilasters appearing to support the wood pediment.



(southwest corner)

The southwest corner cement cornerstone south elevation reads “BUILDING COMMITTEE, RAY M. ACKERSON, MILAN M. VLIET, THOMAS L. PARKER, F. GORDON PICKEL, ARCHITECT.”



(south elevation – door at southwest corner)

By November of 2021 the stepped edge trim of the half-circle had been replaced with a plain wood trim around the half-circle. On the south elevation there is an extra layer of brick along the building that would have been at the top of the windows on the lower level. The original windows have been eliminated and the opening covered with bricks and a cement slab (probable original windowsills) at the bottom of what was the window.



(east elevation)

The east elevation is all brick with no windows. From the street it appears as if the north elevation is all brick also. The north elevation could not be photographed due to proximity to neighboring building.

History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. <u>This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts</u>.

The building at the corner of North Main and East Washington Streets on the northeast corner housed Nicholas Smith Drugs & Groceries on the first floor and the Cedar Lodge (charted January 13, 1854, with 10 members) occupied the second floor. This building was dismantled and moved to other locations creating an empty lot.



(c 1890 Nicholas Smith Drugs & Groceries)

The current red brick building was built as a Masonic Temple on the empty lot in 1916.

The roof of the Masonic Temple burned in 1922 when fire jumped from a building to the north resulting in the interior being destroyed also. A carnival was held to raise money for a new roof and renovate the interior.



(date unknown – Masonic Temple – left side of the photo)


(date unknown)

Prior to 1989 the windows on the lower level near the sidewalk were eliminated and the opening enclosed with brick and a cement slag across the bottom.



(1989 west south elevations)



(1993 – windows replaced on the south elevation)

In 2007, the Clarkston Historic Commission granted permission to replace four of the existing vinyl windows.

In 2016, Sunbrella fabric awnings were installed on the west elevation to cover approximately the top foot of the window on the lower floor.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. <u>This is required for all properties</u>.

This rectangular brick building maintains its original style and continues to support the Village of Clarkston. The minor changes do not detract, and the structure continues to be a contributing resource to the historic district.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) 1872 map of Clarkston, *Atlas of Oakland County*;
(2) Clarkston A Michigan Legacy Preserved Clarkston Community Historical Society, Inc. 1981;
(3) Images of America Clarkston Cara Catallo for the Clarkston Community Historical Society 2015;
(4) Heritage, Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1877 Edited by Jennifer L. Radcliff;
(5) Old photos from the Clarkston Community Historical Society, Cara Catallo, and Cory Johnston;
(6) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated February 23, 2016, for 1 East Washington Street;
(7) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991-2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(8) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated December 7, 2007 for 1 East Washington Street.