Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	15 East Church Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-451-015				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.735040	Long: -83.418240			
Ownership	Private ☒	Public-Local ☐	Public-State ☐	Public-Federal ☐	Multiple ☐

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

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



Architectural Information

Construction Date	c 1850	
Architectural Style	Greek Revival	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Front Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Hardi Plank Siding	
Foundation Materials	Fields Stone	
Window Materials	Wood/Vinyl	
Window Type	Double Hung/Casement	
Outbuildings	Yes ☒	No ☐
Number/Type:	1/Garage	

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 Location in the Village			
Period(s) of Significance	1832-`970			
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	None			
Current/Common Name	Prasil, Drew and Gay			
Historic/Original Owner	Hertwig, John			
Historic Building Use	Single Family			
Current Building Use	Single Family			
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown			
Builder/Contractor	Unknown			

Survey Date	Junne 1, 2022/updated 2023	Recorded By	Cara Catallo/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.



(south elevation)

This Greek Revival house sits on the north side of East Church Street next to the retail components of the Village of Clarkston. The gabled high-pitched roof is emphasized by a wide wood trim with a classic entablature and open pediment on the south elevation. On the second floor of the south elevation are two one over one double hung windows partially in the gable. The first floor also has two one over one double hung windows slightly off-center from the two on the second floor. Both corners of the south elevation have a wide wood pilaster.


(east elevation)

The east elevation of the two-story portion of the house has a skylight toward the north end near the visible brick chimney extending above the roofline. On the first level of the east elevation two-story original structure between the center and the north end are two one over one double hung windows. There are no windows on the second floor of the east elevation two-story section of the house. A one-story addition on the north elevation is visible from the east side of the structure. The addition extends out from the east elevation with a wide wooden trim on the southeast corner. On the east elevation of the addition is a small one over one double hung window near the northeast corner. The addition has a low-pitched roof. There is a white picket fence a few feet in from the front (south elevation) side walk running from near the house to the east property line, cornering and then running northward along the east property line.



(east elevation, north addition)



(west elevation)

The west elevation of the original house has an enclosed porch with a fieldstone base and two casement windows on each end (north and south) and four casement windows on the west side. At the far north corner of the porch is a wooden door with six (three by two) glass panes at the top. One step leads from the driveway to the entrance. In the middle of the west elevation of the addition on the north is a one over one double hung window.

There are no photos of the north elevation.

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 property was originally owned by Butler Holcomb in 1831.

John Hertwig (Herwig) opened a tailor shop in Clarkston in 1840 and then abandoned his tailor shop to open a tavern/inn at 22-24 South Main Street in 1842 to provide accommodations to travelers. In 1850-1860, John (1813-1860) owned both 15 East Church Street and 21/30 East Church Street, more likely his residence. By 1865, following Hertwig's death, his widow Margaret married Daniel Scadding and continued to own the house until 1914, when new owner, Fred Ellis divided the property into two sections.



(west elevation – date unknown)

In 1973. Eric Haven (elected Major of the Village of Clarkston in 2018 and continues to hold the city council position) and Nancy Haven purchased the house which had asbestos siding, aluminum sash rectangular windows with shutters, and a screened in fieldstone porch. A garage was on the west elevation of the house. They sold the house to Margaret DaCosta who was on the Zoning Board of Appeals for 39 years in the Village of Clarkston.



(west elevation – c 1989)



(southeast elevation – c 1989)



(south elevation – c 1989)

In 2010 and 2011 the owner, Anka Sturhahn, covered the asbestos siding with HardiePlank lapsiding and removed the east side door which was determined by the Clarkston Historic Commission not to be original. The door opening was covered with lapsiding. In August 2015, Anka enclosed the stone-based porch on the west side of the house with nine Andersen 400 series wood clad casement crank windows (two on each end and four along the west side) with framing between the windows. Then in May 2016, Ms. Sturhahn replaced a window on the north side of the house and the northernmost window (nonoriginal) on the west elevation – both windows remained the same size. In June 2018, she added a skylight to the east facing roof.

Ann and Shawn Degen purchased the home in 2020 and replaced two nonoriginal vinyl windows that no longer worked plus replaced two boarded up windows in the basement with glass block.

The current owners, Drew and Gay Prasil, in 2023 replaced the fence that abuts an alley that services business on East Church and Main Streets. Mostly snowplows had damaged the fence.

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 resource's eligibility is demonstrated by its:

- Design and related attributes are consistent to its time period and stand as a good example of Greek Revival during Clarkston's period of significance
- Workmanship and materials, most notably the stone work that is prevalent in the area, but also the original siding and other Greek Revival elements that remain underneath
- Location and setting within the village

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) *Images of America Clarkston* Cara Catallo for the Clarkston Community Historical Society 2015;
(2) *Heritage,* Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1877 Edited by Jennifer L. Radcliff;
(3) Old Photos from Cara Catallo;
(4) USGS Map Title Area Map Title Clarkston Historic District March 1979 Haven House 15 E. Church;
(5) 1872 Map of the Village of Clarkston;
(6) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated October 11, 2011, for 15 East Church Street;
(7) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated June 1, 2010, for 15 East Church Street;
(8) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated August 12, 2015, for 15 East Church Street;
(9) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated May 10, 2016, for 15 East Church Street;
(10) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated June 12, 2018, for 12 East Church Street;
(11) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated October 12, 2020, for 12 East Church Street;
(12) *Clarkston News 2018 November 15* article "Mayor Haven seeks to preserve sense of "home"" by Phil Custodio;
(13) Historical verbal information from Eric Haven;
(14) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991-2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(15) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated May 28, 2023, for 12 East Church Street.