Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	164 North Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-252-005				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.740630	Long: -83.418700			
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 1924	
Architectural Style	Craftsman/Bungalow	
Building Form	Rectangular	
Roof Form	Side Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Stucco	
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone	
Window Materials	Wood	
Window Type	Double Hung	
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	Domestic Architecture					
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	Dr. Miller Home					
Current/Common Name	Williams, Andrew and Marie					
Historic/Original Owner	Miller, Raymond and Sara					
Historic Building Use	Single Family Residence/Physician Office					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Warden, Casper					

Survey Date	11/20/2021	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 craftsman house sits on the east side of Main Street across the street from near where Miller Road begins at North Main Street. On the west (front) elevation, the low-pitched roof has a large gabled dormer resting at the break in the slope with a gable vent in the peak of the dormer and four three over one double hung windows grouped together directly below the louvered opening.

At the dormer, the roof changes slope to extend over the front porch supported by two large fieldstone columns (at northwest and southwest corners) connected to the ground at each end of the porch. The roof has a wide eave overhang along horizontal beams that connect to visible rafter braces. The fieldstone kneewall of the porch connects to the ground and along both sides of five steps on the south end of the porch leading to a cement porch floor. The wooden door on the south end has fifteen glass panes (3 by 5) with a combination of three double hung (three over one) windows toward the north end of the porch. The center window is larger than both laterals. They are positioned halfway between the door and the north end of the porch. All of the windows on this elevation appear rather elongated vertically, emphasizing the vertical orientation of the fieldstone columns. The windows are three over one vertical, rectangular lites.



(west elevation)

There is a fieldstone chimney visible exiting the roof through the overhang on the south elevation before the roof gable peak.



(porch – west elevation south end)

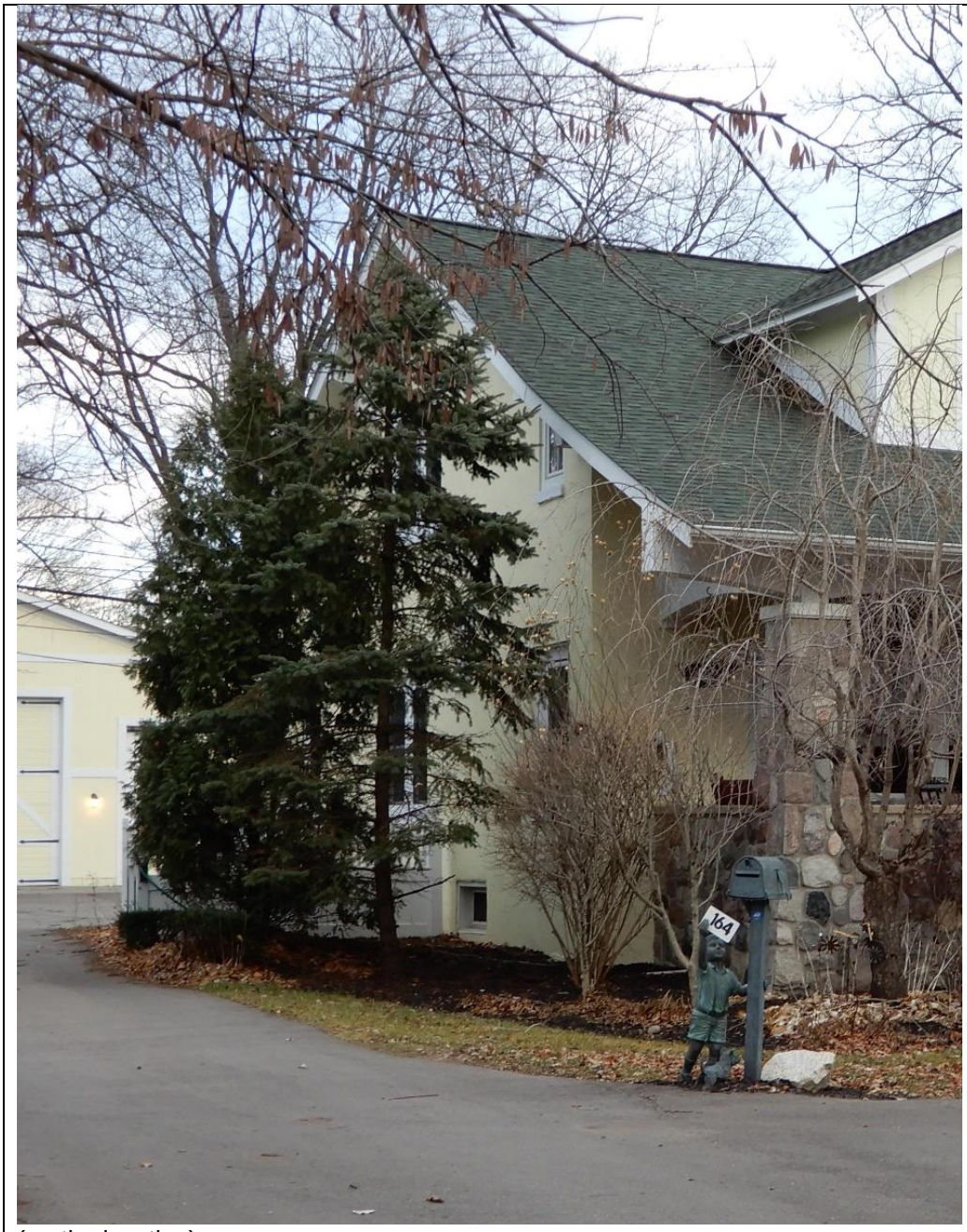
The south elevation has a distinctive fieldstone chimney toward the west end exiting the roof as described. There is a narrow one over one double hung window on the second level to the west of the chimney and another similar window directly below it on the first floor. There are a pair of similar windows on the second level toward the center and a small narrow window toward the east just below the roof line. The first floor has a combination of three one over one double hung windows to the east of the chimney. A similar single narrow window exists near the east edge of the structure.


(south elevation)

The north elevation has a narrow one over one double hung window on the second level to the west and another similar window directly below on the first floor. There are a pair of similar windows on the second level toward the center and a small narrow window toward the east just below the roof line. It appears as if a small single pane window exists between the first and second floors close to the west end of the structure. The first floor has a combination of three one over one double hung windows in the center and a similar single narrow window near the northeast corner of the structure.

Views of the north and south elevations are partially obscured by evergreen trees and bushes. The driveway leading to a multi-car garage/barn is on the north side.

There are no photos of the east elevation.



(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 Village of Clarkston Map of 1872 has a footprint of a structure with the name R. E. Follett. The original house burned in January 1924. The replacement home for Dr. Raymond Eugene Miller (1879 – 1951) was ready for occupancy in November 1924. Dr. Raymond Miller was the son of Dr. C. C. Miller who was one of five physicians who started the old Grace Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.



(date unknown – west elevation)

Dr. R. Miller used the house for his residence and his office. The front porch (west elevation) was enclosed with glass windows and served as a patient waiting room. Winifred (Winnie) Miller ((1920 – 1997) resided in the home after the death of her parents Raymond and Sarah Miller. Winnie retired from Pontiac Motors after 41 years and was a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Donald Miller (Winnie's brother) and Janet Miller (her niece) inherited the home and sold the home to James and Deborah Cousens who in turn sold the property to its current owners Andrew and Marie Williams c 2014.

James Cousens owned the property by 2009. He removed the glass windows from the front porch and some of the windows throughout the house were replaced. In addition, in 2009, he drastically increased the size of the garage and covered the exterior with Hardie board.



(date unknown – southwest elevation showing closed in front porch for patient waiting room)



(c 1984 - southwest elevation)



(c 1998 – northwest elevation)

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. This is required for all properties.

This structure is one of the early craftsman structures in the Clarkson Historic District. The Miller family built the house and owned it for over 80 years. Dr. Raymond Miller was a prominent physician in the community for many years. The structure retains most of its original characteristics and holds integrity in multiple aspects, thus remaining a contributing structure 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) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(3) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed January 2, 1975 by Betty Galligan;
(4) *Clarkston News 1997 June 11* article "Obituaries Winifred Miller";
(5) Photos from the Clarkston Community Historical Society and Cara Catallo;
(6) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated November 24, 2009 for 164 North Main Street.