Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	165 North Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-181-007				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.740590	Long: -83.419760			
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 1872	
Architectural Style	Greek Revival	
Building Form	Rectangular	
Roof Form	Front Gabel	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Clapboard	
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 and Historic Community Connection					
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	Jossman House					
Current/Common Name	Bickford, John Casey					
Historic/Original Owner	Unknown					
Historic Building Use	Single family					
Current Building Use	Single family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	July 22, 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 Greek Revival house sits on the west side of Main Street at the corner of Main Street and Miller Road. The original two-story section with an open pediment, wide trimmed gable on the south end of the east elevation. There are four double hung windows (one over one) two on each floor aligned vertically. At the corner of the original two-story and the south elevation (southeast corner) is a wide undecorated wooden pilaster.

This pilaster is repeated at each corner including the northerly addition ("north wing").



(east elevation)



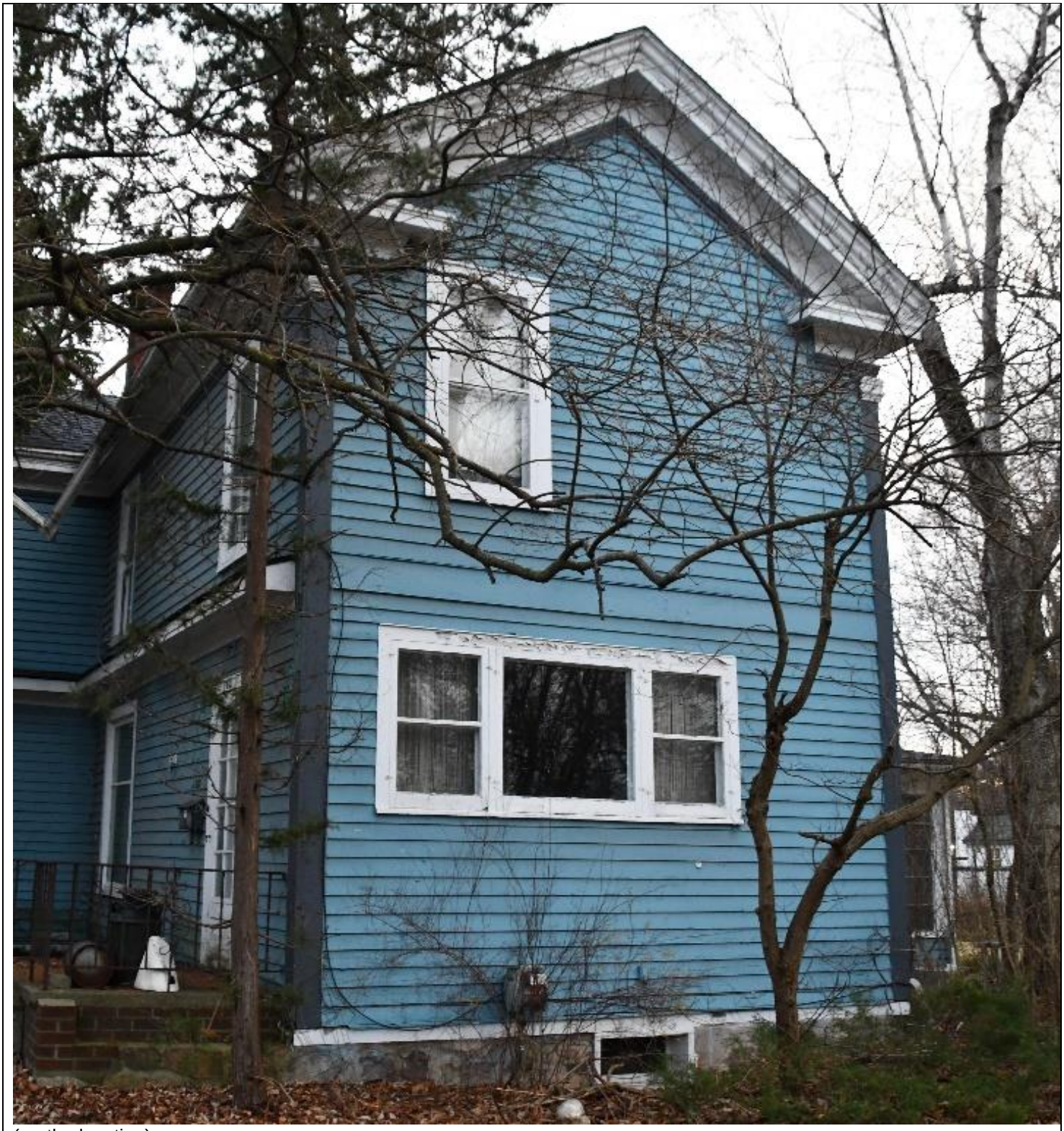
(east elevation – south end)

A second story was added to the north wing of the east elevation with two double hung one over one windows. On the first floor there is a one over one double hung window (one-third over two-third) next to the original two-story section and an entrance on the north end with two cement steps leading to a landing with black wrought iron railing along the steps and landing on each side. The solid wood front door has a three part fan window inserted across the top of the door. There is a wide wooden undecorated trim band separating the two floors.



(east elevation – north portion)

The north elevation addition side gable also has an open pediment with a single double hung (one over one) window on the second floor near the northeast corner. The first floor has a large almost square window with a large single pane in the middle with a smaller double hung one over one window on each side.



(north elevation)



(west elevation)

A two-story addition was added on the south end of the west elevation. The north wing of the house has a double hung (four over one) window on the second floor next to the addition and one single one over one window on the first floor toward the north end. The addition has one over one double hung windows on the second floor (one facing north, two facing west and one facing south). The first floor has a brick exterior with a two over two double hung window on the west and south elevations. Attached to the north aspect of the two-story addition is a one-story bump out with a low-pitched asphalt shingled roof with louvered windows covering the north and west elevations. There is a solid wood door next to the brick first floor.



(south elevation)

The south elevation has four double hung windows (one over one), two on each floor. The windows are directly above and below each other. The south elevation of the west side addition was previously described.



(garage)

The garage sits on the west end of the property with entrance from Miller Road (north side of the property).

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 house sits on the property originally in the tract registered by Butler Holcomb with the federal government on October 22, 1831. In 1868 the property was in the name of William Van Buskirk Vliet, an undertaker and cabinet maker. The 1872 Clarkston Village map has a building footprint with the name Isadore (Esidore) Jossman. Mr. Jossman purchased the general store and produce business from Captain John Knox and operated a general store with I. Frank. In the back of his store using milk cans for money containers he accepted pennies from the young families and established savings accounts for these families, creating the first bank in Clarkston later becoming a corporation according to Michigan State Law. By 1907, Esidore Jossman moved his banking interests to 15 South Main Street, a new fieldstone building. The building is currently a restaurant ("The Fed").

By 1929 the property belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vaughn. Mr. Vaughn served four years as the County Agricultural Agent. Upon leaving Clarkston, Harold Vaughn enrolled in graduate school at Chicago University.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kanold purchased the house and moved in on April 10, 1933. Paul Kanold was active in the Clarkston Choral Club and Mrs. Kanold was active in the local bridge club.

In the 1940s, the property belonged to John C. Breakey. He and his family were active in the Methodist Church, Clarkston PTA, and the local town meetings.

James (1916 – 1987) and Wilhelmina (1916 – 1995) Glennie purchased the property in 1945. James was a member of Plumbers of Local 98 Detroit since 1939. They were both members of the Episcopal Church of the

Resurrection and served the community for many years.

Several modifications have been made to the house. The wraparound front porch across the east and north elevations was removed. An addition was added to the original one-story north wing of the house. An addition was also added to the west elevation of the house.



(date unknown northeast elevation)



(1989 northeast elevation)


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These changes occurred before the Bickford family (John J. and Shirley) owned the house starting in 1974. John Bickford (1920-1997) was known as “Mr. Fix It” in the village. Their son John Casey Bickford (Johnny Awesome) owns the property now (property name change 9/6/2002). John C and his wife Sarah Paul opened Banana Anna’s shop in Birmingham in late 1986. John built a recording studio in the house and began working with a four-piece rock band during the same time frame. Today “Johnny” is known as a solo guitar player with a unique tropical experience to every performance.



Horse hitching post and steppingstone on the east elevation of the house along Main Street.

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>.

The property was originally part of the tract registered to Butler Holcomb with the federal government in 1831. Overall, the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity in multiple aspects to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. In particular it was home to several early residents of primary importance to the early history of Clarkston.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

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(8) *Clarkston News 1936 September 25 artic*le “Clarkston Choral Club Met Last Saturday”;
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(10) *Clarkston News 1987 December 2* article “Obituaries – James A. Glennie”;
(11) *Clarkston News 1995 October 4* article “Obituaries – Wilhelmina Glennie”;
(12) Blog – “Johnny Awesome & The Missing Digits;”
(13) *Clarkston News 1997 April 30* article “John Bickford”;
(14) *Clarkston News 1986 October 1* article “Clarkston couple opens Banana Anna’s shop” by Chris Garbasl;
(15) *Clarkston News 1997 July 23* article “Clarkston entrepreneur markets ‘gutsy ’sportswear” by Eileen McCarville;
(16) Old photos from Cara Catallo.