Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	17 North Holcomb Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-326-029				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.736360	Long: -83.422510			
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 1852
Architectural Style	Greek Revival
Building Form	Irregular
Roof Form	Front Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Wood 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	Architectural Significance					
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	None					
Current/Common Name	Stark, Fred and Jennifer Trust					
Historic/Original Owner	Clark, John M. and Harriet D. Vliet					
Historic Building Use	Single Family					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	May 22, 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 Greek Revival structure sits on the west side of North Holcomb Steet with a driveway along the south elevation leading to a detached garage.



(east elevation)

The south end of the east (front) elevation is one-story with a full width full height porch with three large square columns with a simple base and capital. In the center of this section is an entrance with a pointed arch pediment and a one over one double hung window on each side. Two steps lead from the front walkway to the cement landing on the east elevation. A large, tall brick chimney is visible exiting from the west elevation. Much of this section of the house is obscured by large plantings.



(south end of the east elevation)



(north end of the east elevation.

The north end of the east elevation is a two-story front gable with a wide cornice and broken pediment. There are

two one over one double hung windows on the second floor and identical windows vertically below on the first floor.



(north elevation)

The wide cornice is visible on the north elevation with two one over one double hung windows on the second floor in the eastern half of the floor with identical windows vertically below on the first floor.


(south elevation)

The south elevation of the one-story has a side gable with a prominent cornice and broken pediment on the moderate pitched roof. There are two one over one double hung windows. The one floor addition on the west elevation is visible with its flat roof with an entrance near the intersection of the addition and the one-story portion of the house. One step leads from the driveway to a cement landing at this entrance. Just west of the doorway is a pair of one over one double hung windows.

The multi-car garage sits on the southwest corner 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 1872 Village of Clarkston map shows a footprint of a building at this location. This Greek Revival structure was the home of John M. (1827-1911) and Harriet D. Vliet (1832-1917) Clark. John was a blacksmith in the Village of Clarkston with his place of business at the southeast corner of Main and East Church Streets. John was known for his carriage ironing, horse shoeing, and general blacksmithing. The house remained in the Clark family until about 1920 when the property was purchased by Leonard and Alger.



(1989 southeast elevation)



(1989 northeast elevation)



(1990 east elevation)



(1990 southeast elevation)

The Howard Sage family owned the structure starting in 1938 and were the owners at the time the original certification of Clarkston as an Historic Village was completed in 1980.

The original clapboard was covered by asbestos shingles for a while but in 1990 the homeowner removed the shingles and restored the original clapboard. At this time a window on the north elevation was removed and the front door was replaced. An addition was constructed to the west elevation.

In 2014, Fred and Jennifer Stark, the current owners since about 1993, replaced the windows with Andersen 400-series tilt-wash double hung windows. Jennifer passed in 2018.

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 Greek Revival structure was one of the original homes along North Holcomb Street. The structure has an addition on the west elevation, but it still retains its original heavy cornice on the broken pediment of the front gable and the gentle slope of the roofs. This house continues to posses integrity in each of the seven aspects, especially with association to one of the founding families of the Village of Clarkston.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(2) Old photos from Cara Catallo;
(3) *Clarkston News 2018 August 1* article “Obituaries Jennifer (Clark) Stark”;
(4) 1872 Village of Clarkston Map;
(5) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated July 8, 2014 for 17 North Holcomb Street.