Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	174 North Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-252-042				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.740950	Long: -83.418690			
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 1871
Architectural Style	Greek Revival
Building Form	Irregular
Roof Form	Front-Gable
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					
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	Carran House					
Current/Common Name	Mack, Howard J.					
Historic/Original Owner	Carran, James and Elizabeth					
Historic Building Use	Multiply Family					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Carran, James					

Survey Date	March 3, 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 house on the east side of North Main Street is a Greek Revival with a front-gable with wide band of cornice trim with open pediment. The trim around the second level roof line has cornice lines emphasized with wide divided board trim. Both floors have two one-over-one double hung windows align vertically. The house has a one-story section to the south with a recessed front porch. Four steps lead to the front porch with two wooden front doors – one on the left faces south and serves as an entryway to the original two-level section and the second door on the west elevation of the single level. A large one-over-one window sits south of the door facing west. A simple balustrade connects to the side of the west elevation and encloses the porch.



(west elevation)

There are wood pilasters at each corner of the house.



(recessed porch – west elevation)

The south elevation (single story) has two one-over-one double hung windows on each side of the wooden door in the middle of the elevation. Just to the west of this wooden door is a bulkhead basement door.



(south elevation)



(north elevation)

The north elevation of the two-story portion of the house has two one-over-one double hung windows on the first floor. A driveway along the north elevation leads to a garage.

There are no photos of the east 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 Clarkston Village Map of 1872 has a building footprint with the property owner J. Carran. James Carran Jr. was the son of James (from the Isle of Man, England) and Anne Carran (from Scotland) left the British Isles c. 1830 for America and settled in White Lake Township. James Jr.'s brother Alfred married Celia the granddaughter of Butler Holcomb who built the first mill in Clarkston. James Jr. married Elizabeth and they had three daughters – Victoria. Francis and Sarah. James Jr. was a carpenter and his brother Alfred sold farm equipment from a building on Main Street. Sarah Carran served as Independence Township Clark or Treasurer for several years.

The house remained in the Carran family until c.1914 when ownership was recorded as Oliver LaMountain. Oliver (1866 – 1947) and Josephine (1870-1955) LaMountain lived in Clarkston until they died. The LaMountain family was active in the community.

By 1975 the ownership of the house was Douglas and Darlene Hargreaves. The house was a two-family residence at this time. Doug had been a member of the Max Broock Real Estate for several years but joined partnership with Bob Pilarcik to establish the Hargreaves-Pilarcik Realtors in 1975. In 1979 the realtors presented Independence Land Conservancy twenty acres at the M-15 exit of I-75 to become a nature reserve.

By the 1990s the home belonged to Howard J. Mack. In 1998 a garage was built on the north elevation of the house.



(date unknown - southwest elevation)



(c 1989 southwest elevation)

No details were found as to when the porch on the south elevation was removed.



(1989 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. <u>This is required for all properties</u>.

This structure is an example of a Midwestern Greek Revival home built in the early 1870s. Overall the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity in several aspects to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. The original owner James Carran was a carpenter in the Village of Clarkston for many years and his extended family were also members and supporters of the community in its early years.

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) Clarkston News 1979 December 26 article "February;"
(4) Clarkston News 1975 September 11 article "New real estate firm opens";
(5) Clarkston News 1947 March 21 article "Obituary;"
(6) Clarkston News 1955 February 17 article "Obituary;"
(7) Clarkston News 1946 April 5 article "Miss Sarah Carran Answers Last Call;"

(8) *Clarkston News 1974 March 21* article “A changing Clarkston” by Connie Lekizian;
(9) *Clarkston News 1968 November 14* article “Another Day Family from the Isle of Man” by Constance Lekizian;
(10) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed February 25, 1975 by Betty Galligan;
(11) Old photos provided by Cara Catallo.