Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	18 South Holcomb Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	18-08-20-377-004				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.735460	Long: -83.421740			
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. 1855
Architectural Style	Greek Revival
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Front Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingle
Exterior Wall Materials	Vinyl Siding Over Wood
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone, Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes ☒ No ☐
Number/Type:	2/Garage, storage shed

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	Denton House						
Current/Common Name	Lehman Inv Co LLC						
Historic/Original Owner	Yeager, Jedidiah						
Historic Building Use	Single Family Residence						
Current Building Use	Single Family Residence						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	December 12, 2021	Recorded By	Kevin Knapp	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.



(west elevation)

This two-story Greek Revival house sits on the east side of South Holcomb Street and has had additions and alterations to its basic outline over the decades. Notably, a long Victorian-era porch was added, which skirts the west-facing façade and runs along the full length of its south-facing side. The original clapboard siding has been replaced (or likely recovered) with vinyl siding. At some point, the south-facing porch was fully enclosed and made to be part of the house.

A shed-type addition was also later constructed at the east-facing rear entrance, as well as a detached garage at the back (east side) of the property.

The west-facing façade has a center-set door, as well as a second entry door to the enclosed porch. The main section of the house has two symmetrical double-hung windows on the second floor, and two more double-hung windows, symmetrically set on either side of the door, on the ground level. A louvered attic vent is located near the peak of the front gable. The front porch is comprised of a concrete slab with four simple, undecorated square posts to provide structural support for the overhang. The entry door to the enclosed porch (west elevation) is similar to the main entry door and is flanked on the south by a pair of vertical slider type windows. There are six sets of these windows along this enclosed porch addition south elevation. Near the center, on the second level is a smaller, square slider. Toward the east end of this enclosed porch addition, is an inset, south facing porch with two square posts supporting the overhang. Beyond this is an east elevation addition (no photos) with a small (probable slider) square window on the south elevation.

The north elevation of the house, which faces a gravel driveway, includes a brick chimney near the center. Of the three windows on this side, the two smaller ones (one on each level) are square vertical sliders, suggesting later installation. The larger is located just west of the chimney on the lower level and is very similar to those on the front porch.



(northwest elevation)



(south elevation)

History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

This circa 1855 Greek Revival building was built for or by Jedediah Yeager/Yager, one of Clarkston's first blacksmiths. This house presumably was his residence. Jedediah served during the Civil War in Battery D, First Michigan Light Artillery. 1860, Yeager had a shop with a partner named Van Winkle on the east side of North Main Street, south of the Mill Race to Parke Lake. Later, his blacksmith shop was relocated to the northeast corner of the Clarkston Mills property (20 West Washington Street).

The house is an example of 19th Century mortise and tenon joinery.

In 1980 when the original Clarkston Historic District certification occurred Roberta Dutton owned the house. Roberta was the wife of the late Charles Mann and Frederick Denton and the mother of George F Denton. Mrs. Mann and George Denton sold the property to Lehmann Investment in 2013.The rear (east elevation) of the house has had several additions over the years.



(northwest elevation – 1989)



(southwest elevation – 1989)



(northwest elevation – 2017)



(southwest elevation – 2017)

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 an example of a Greek Revival home built in the 1880s. Although substantial changes/additions have been made, the house retains recognizable historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. The Yeager name was prominent in the Village of Clarkston for many years, and his profession places him in a specifically historical context in the village's development.

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) USGS Map Title, Clarkston Historic District March 13, 1979.