Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	21 North Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-328-018				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.736620	Long: -83.419450			
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 1880
Architectural Style	Other/Barn
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Front Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Red Shakes over Clapboard
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone/Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes ☐ No ☒
Number/Type:	

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	Wiltsie Vliet's Building						
Current/Common Name	MAIN STREET MI COWORKING CENTER						
Historic/Original Owner	Vliet, Wilson R						
Historic Building Use	Cabinet Shop						
Current Building Use	Coworking Center						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	June 10, 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 original barn on the west side of Main Street has a multi-roof structure with a predominant front gable. The east (front) elevation has a balcony extending over the front entrance on the south end. The enclosed balcony has a casement window on each end and two parallel casement windows across the front. Directly below is a solid six-panel wood door with sidelights (two vertical over four horizontal) encased in white wood trim. On each side of the doorway is a large picture window (four by four panes each) each with a window box. To the north of the picture window is another entrance with an identical doorway. This appears to be an addition to the original structure (see photo c 1900).



(east elevation)



(east elevation window)



(north elevation

On the north elevation there are two casement windows on the second floor and two double hung windows (two over two) on the first floor.



(south elevation)

The south elevation has a gabled dormer slightly off center toward the west, with a single casement window. The first floor has five double hung windows – the two at west end are 9 over 6 and the other three are two over two.



(west elevation)

The west elevation has a solid wood door at the south end. The balcony on the second floor opens into the structure with glass sliding doors with a gabled roof over the doorway that is supported by two simple wood columns. Wooden stairs lead from the balcony to a small patio in the backyard. The balcony looks out onto Mill Pond.

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>.

This commercial structure was Vliet's cabinet shop from 1880 until at least 1914. Mr. Vliet built boats, cabinets, and furniture. "The largest rowboat ever constructed in Clarkston, is being built by W. R. Vliet for Mr. Williams of Windiate Park" (Waterford) according to a Pontiac Post newspaper article July 24, 1902. Mr. Vliet enjoyed playing cards in his shop with his friends whenever he took a break from woodworking.

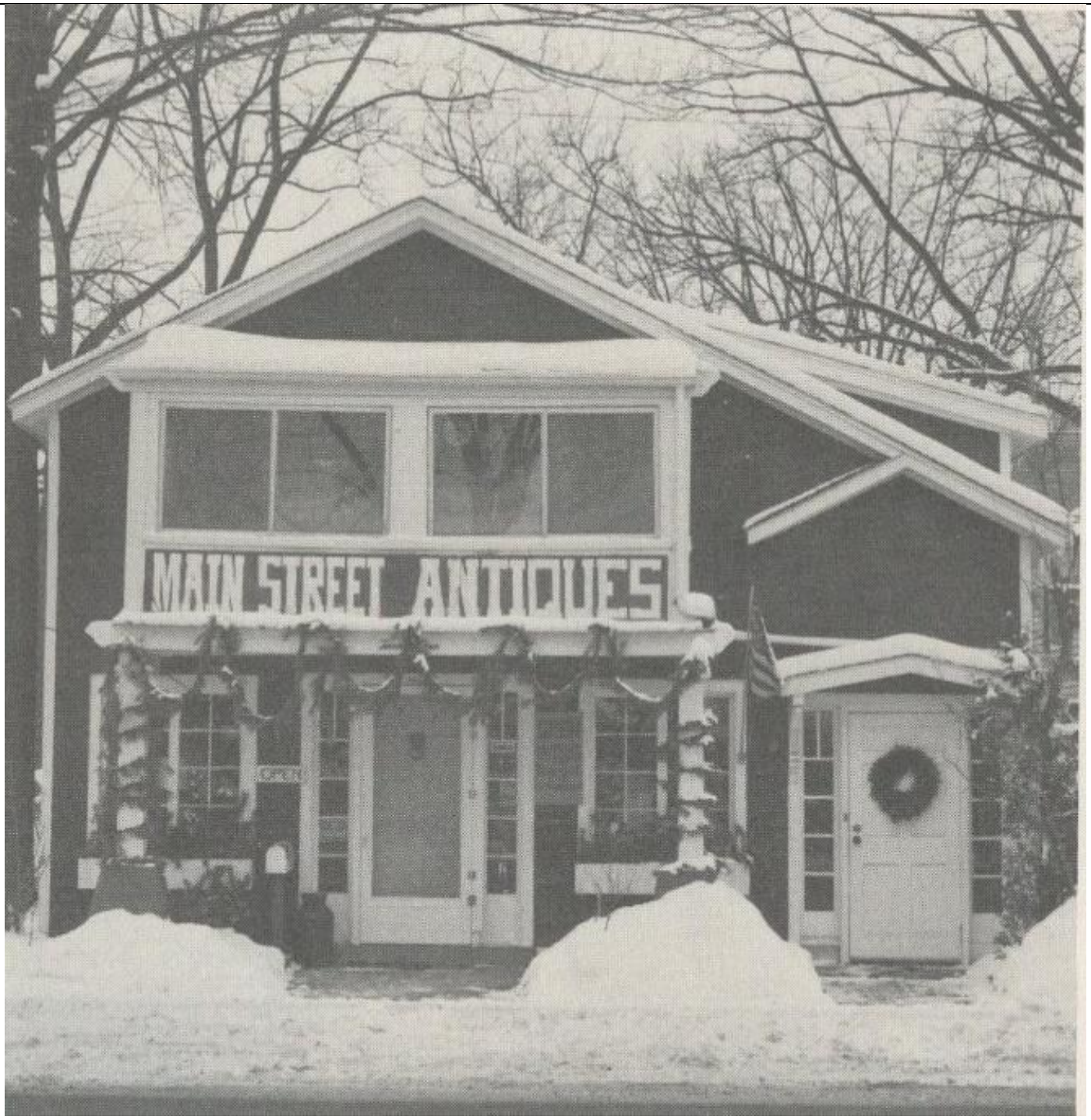
Petty Art Studios and later Petty Photography occupied the second floor in the early 20th century.

An advertisement in the Clarkston News in 1932 reported the following at 21 North Main Street: Ye Old Tyme Shoppe – Antiques and Gifts, Circulating Library, Agency for Klad-Ezee Garments, and Agency for Ridley Cleaners. The abstracts

history reports Jean Weighell Megee (1895-1970) operated the “Ye Old Tyme Shoppe” and owned the building by 1950. It appears Ms. Megee leased the building before owning it.



(c 1900 – east elevation – one person is Wiltsie Vliet)



(c 1981 east elevation)

James and Virginia Schultz purchased the property in 1971 and operated Main Street Antiques at this location as early as 1973. James Schultz (1938 – 2020) and Virginia (Gini) loved the community and supported it for many years. James was a Clarkston City Council Trustee, served on the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, and served on committees to develop Depot Park. Gini mastered the art of creating 3-D lamp shades, co-chaired the Bicentennial Celebration and together they pushed to save the July 4th parade (even during the construction on Main Street) in 2001.



(1989 northeast elevation)

In 2010 the owners Virginia and James Schultz repaired and increased the porch/deck on the west elevation of the building. They sold the property in 2017 to Terrance Milliken who leases the building to the MAIN STREET MI COWORKING CENTER.



(2010 – east 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>.

The building retains its historic details and holds sufficient integrity to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. Wiltsie Vilet was an accomplished woodworker and supported the community with cabinets, boats, wagons, and other wooden products as needed. This may be the oldest commercial structure in the district. The original structure is still standing today on the west side of Main Street. It has been an iconic building for both residents and visitors for many years. The structure continues as a commercial enterprise.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) Independence Township Tax Assessment book of 1871;
(2) 1872 and 1908 maps of Clarkston;
(3) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(4) Clarkston A Michigan Legacy Preserved Clarkston Community Historical Society, Inc. 1981;
(5) Images of America Clarkston Cara Catallo for the Clarkston Community Historical Society 2015;
(6) Heritage, Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1877 Edited by Jennifer L. Radcliff;
(7) CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN GUIDELINES FOR CONSERVATION OF THE VILLAGE CENTER, March 1,

1981;
(8) Pontiac Post 1902 July 24;
(9) *Clarkston News 1970 October 15* article “Ye Olde Tyme Shoppe owner dies”;
(10) *Clarkston News 1932 May* 20 advertisement for Ye Old Tyme Shoppe*;*
(11) *Clarkston News 1962 December 27* article “Happy New Year”;
(12) *Clarkston News 1974 May 30* article “Bicentennial needs you” by Ruth Basinger;
(13) *Clarkston News 1973 March 8* article “Village election Monday”;
(14) *Clarkston News 1977 March 10* article “Clarkston selects council trustees Monday”;
(15) *Clarkston News 2001 July 11* article “Letters to the Editor” and “Editorial”;
(16) *Clarkston News 1981 February 4* article “Mastering the art of cut and pierce”;
(17) Old photos from Cara Catallo;
(18) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated June 29, 2010 for 21 North Main Street.