Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	29 South Holcomb Road (also known as 27 South Holcomb)				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-376-004				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)		Lat: 42.734940		Long: -83.422600	
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. 1856
Architectural Style	Greek Revival
Building Form	Irregular
Roof Form	Front Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingle
Exterior Wall Materials	Metal/Vinyl with wood trim
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes ☒ No ☐
Number/Type:	2/Garage, Gazebo

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	None						
Current/Common Name	Quisenberry, Theodore H						
Historic/Original Owner	Hirst/Hurst, Henry						
Historic Building Use	Multi-Family Residence						
Current Building Use	Single Family Residence						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	Feb. 2, 2022	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.



(east elevation)



(south elevation)



(south elevation)


(north elevation)

This Greek Revival house was built about 1856 and sits on the west side of South Holcomb. The east (or street-facing) elevation features narrow pilasters that curiously do not carry all the way to the eaves or meet with a frieze board, which is typical of the Midwestern style. Instead, the pilasters are capped off about 2 feet short of the eaves. Upon close inspection, the original frieze board appears to have been covered over with a clapboard-like molding in a bid to blend it in with the clapboard siding.

The east façade of the apparent original structure has five double-hung windows symmetrically placed: two second level and three evenly spaced below. A single-story wing is attached to the south side of the main house, meeting up flush with the street-facing façade of the main house. A porch roof has been built recently (in 2021) across the full width of the wing. above a porch deck built of fieldstone and wood. The porch roof is supported by four square columns. The main entry

door is centered on the porch and is flanked by two double-hung windows symmetrically set. Six steps lead from the porch flooring to the walkway.

The south wing side gable end has two double-hung windows, flanking a wide brick chimney that runs up the center of the gable. The chimney is painted white matching the siding. Farther to the left of the chimney is an entry door and a small concrete slab porch. Another side-gabled wing, facing west, attaches to the southward wing. This addition has three double-hung windows, two of similar size and a third that is wider and shorter, on the right. This wing has been added onto further, to the south, with the addition of a short, enclosed breezeway, with two double-hung windows and a screen entry door, connecting to an attached two-car front-gabled garage. The garage faces the south, with the driveway entering off West Church Street. The garage also has a short, shed roof windowless addition off the rear (north elevation) of the structure.

The north elevation has narrow pilasters at the corners. As with the east façade, the pilasters do not carry all the way to the eaves or where the frieze board once was but are capped off about two feet short of the eaves. The north façade contains three double-hung windows, one smaller above, set near the center; and two on the first floor, asymmetrically set and flanking a narrow brick chimney. An entry door is at the lower left (northeast) corner, covered with a flat-roofed Victorian style porch overhang that is supported by two square posts which rest on a small concrete slab porch with one step. A railing of wrought iron runs along the right side of the concrete step.

In the backyard off the northwest corner is a detached two-car garage with a single aluminum pull-up door. The garage has Greek Revival details on its east elevation, notably the broken pediment and wide frieze board.

The rear facing or west elevation of the main (two-story) house has two upper double-hung windows that are symmetrically set. The lower level has two double-hung windows set slightly off-center. A rear entry door is located at the southwest corner. The wing features a single double-hung window on this façade. There are no photos of the west 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>.

According to source notes from Susan K. Basinger in her review of historic Clarkston properties, “the original sections of this house, a Midwestern adaptation of the Greek Revival style, were built by 1856. The owner, Henry Hirst/Hurst purchased the Clarkston Mills property from Jeremiah and Nelson W. Clark in 1859.”

“Like so many other early houses in the Village, built in the same style, the original section has a wide entablature with broken pediment gable on the street facing facade of the one-and-one-half story section with a single-story wing to the south. The house was converted to two-family use in the 1940s. In the 1980s, a wing with garage was added to the west facade. At the same time, aluminum siding was applied over the clapboard. The original wood trim was left exposed.”



(northeast elevation – 1989)



(south elevation – 1989)



(northeast elevation – 1989)



(2020 east elevation)

In 2003 Lillian M. Shaw owned the property and constructed a 22’ by 24’ one-story detached garage (lapped Hardiplank fiber-cement siding) on the northwest section of the property.

In 2016 Fay Shaw, then owner of the property added 12’ by 14’ freestanding aluminum pergola and poured concrete slab on the southwest side of the property. The house in 2020 was owned by H. Fay Shaw as a multi-family unit. The house at that point was known as 27 and 29 South Holcomb.

In 2021, the house was purchased by Theodore H. Quisenberry, who converted it back to a single-family residence. Several changes were made at the time, most visibly a covered porch that was constructed on the east elevation of the south-facing wing. The tax record for the property continues as 27 South Holcomb. However, the mailing address is 29 South Holcomb.



(southeast elevation - house as a duplex until 2021)



(southeast elevation – addition of front porch – July 2021)

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 mid-nineteenth century. Overall the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. Original owner Henry Hirst/Hurst was a prominent businessman in the Village of Clarkston and was the owner of the Clarkston Mill. The current owner, Theodore Quisenberry, was police chief of Royal Oak, Michigan before moving to 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 Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated October 1, 2003 for 29 South Holcomb Street;
(4) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated July 21, 2016 for 27 South Holcomb Street;
(5) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated March 5, 2021 for 27 South Holcomb Street;
(6) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated May 4, 2021 for 29 South Holcomb Street;
(7) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated November 12, 2013 for 29 South Holcomb Street.