Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	37 North Holcomb Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-326-027				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.736850	Long: -83.422530			
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 1910	
Architectural Style	Greek Revival	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Front Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Aluminum Siding	
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block	
Window Materials	Wood	
Window Type	Double Hung/Sliding	
Outbuildings	Yes ☒	No ☐
Number/Type:	1/Barn	

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	James Sinclair Home						
Current/Common Name	Reese, Joseph and Christina						
Historic/Original Owner	Unknown						
Historic Building Use	Single and Multi-Family						
Current Building Use	Single Family						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	September29, 2003	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 structure sits on the west side of North Holomb Street with a steep gabled roof, wide trim, broken pediment, and a flat-roofed entry porch the width of the east (front) elevation. Since this front porch was enclosed in the 1970s, the details of the entrance are not available. Across the east elevation of the porch starting at the south end are four large five over one sliding windows, then a two over one double hung window, a wooden door, and another two over one double hung window. The door is wooden with five vertical small narrow panes across the top one fourth. On the north and south elevations of the enclosed porch are two five over one sliding windows.

The base of the porch is siding that matches the house (probably a knew wall on the inside). Above the porch on the second floor are two large one over one double hung windows with dark shutters equally spaced. The peak of the gable is decorated with five rows of fish scale siding, then a solid plank with twelve rows of siding that match the exterior wall. Inside these rows of siding is a group of three windows. The window at each end is square with nine panes (three by three). The window in the middle is nine over one, double hung. The gable peak appears to have a faux roof rafter end and there are four similar faux roof rafter ends along each side of the gable.



(windows in the peak of the east elevation gable)



(east elevation)


(north elevation)

In the middle of the north elevation second floor directly below the roof is a one over one double hung window with a similar slightly lower spaced window on the second floor closer to the east end (perhaps in a stairwell landing). Directly below this window is a small rectangular horizontal window on the first floor of the east elevation. In the middle of the first floor is a group of three windows. A single (probably fixed) lite is flanked by a nine over one, double hung window on each side. To the west of these is a small fixed four-pane window (two by two). On the second floor toward the west end is a small single pane window directly above a first-floor small asphalt shingled roof overhang. Below the overhang is the appearance of what was once an entrance which is now covered with siding. On the west side of this is another

small fixed four-pane window.

There are two windows in the block foundation on the north elevation. The window at the east end appears to be enclosed with glass blocks and the window toward the west appears to be multi pane. There is a raised “flower bed” along the foundation on the north elevation.

Visible from the north elevation is another porch on the west elevation. It appears to have a moderately slanted asphalt shingled roof with two square columns and a balustrade on the north elevation.



(south elevation)

On the south elevation, the second floor has a one over one double hung window toward the east end and a similar window directly below on the first floor. Moving west along the second floor is a small rectangular single pane window. Toward the middle of the second floor is a pair of one over one double hung windows. Near the west end on the second floor is another one over one double hung window. On the first floor toward the middle is a small, shed roofed “box bay” with no windows on the sides but three windows across the south elevation and roof with three rows of fish scale

siding at the base. There is a large one over one window in the middle and ansmaller nine over one double hung window on each side of it. Continuing west along the first floor is a pair of one over one double hung windows. At the west end is a one over one double hung window.

The driveway leading to the garage/barn is on the south side of the house. From the southeast corner of the house there is a picket fence running north to south that leads to a fieldstone pillar toward the edge of the driveway.

There is a second identical stone pillar near the northeast corner at the end of a stone wall running west to east along the north 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 two-story Greek Revival structure sits on the westside of North Holcomb Street. Based on survey records from 1979 the structure was built in 1910. Tax records indicate the house was constructed for Joseph and Christena Reese (1844-1938) by 1920. Mrs. Reese was an active member of the Joseph C. Bird Chapter of the O. E. S. and the Methodist Episcopal Ladies Aid Society. She was a resident of the Village of Clarkston for over sixty years.

In the 1950s the house served as a two-family residence; it was restored to a single-family residence c 1979. By 1979 the clapboard siding had been covered with aluminum siding and the porch facing North Holcomb Street was enclosed. The USGS Map Title survey completed in May 1979 referred to the structure as the James Sinclair House. James Sinclair was a local pharmacist for over 58 years.



(c 1989 south east elevation)



(c 1989 northeast elevation)

Ann and Michael Mizusawa purchased the home c 1987 moving to Clarkston from New York. Michael was a graduate of the United State Military Academy at West Point. They removed an exterior staircase built when the house was converted to a two-family residence. With the removal of the staircase in 2002, the Mizusawas added an addition to the west elevation (rear of the house) which included an upper and lower room, sunroom, and an enclosed porch. The windows were vinyl-clad wooden, asphalt shingles, and aluminum siding to match the remainder of the house. Then in 2003, Michael and Ann replaced the two windows on the second floor of the east elevation (front of the house) with solid-wood Renewal by Anderson with the same look and dimensions as the original windows.

Circa 2014 Timothy N. Throgmorton and Kristin A. Booth purchased the house. In 2016 and 2017 they completed several modifications to the garage(barn). The barn doors were expanded to accommodate two overhead garage doors centered around the hand-hewn oak post inside. An entrance was installed on the south elevation, the barn siding was replaced with cedar lap siding, and a barn roof of metal roofing was installed.

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>.

Modifications have been made to the structure incorporating characteristics of later American house styles. However, the original Greek Revival components are still very visible. Hence this structure continues to be a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District.

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 Catello;
(3) *Clarkston News 1938 May 27 article "Death Takes Mrs. Christina Reese";*
(4) USGS Map Title 37 N. Holcomb ,1979, March 13 surveyed by Mark Michon;
(5) Home Tour Clarkston *Scamp Silver Anniversary Edition 1983-2007;*
(6) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated July 21, 2016 for 37 North Holcomb Street;
(7) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated August 11, 2016 for 37 North Holcomb Street;
(8) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated September 13, 2016 for 37 North Holcomb Street;
(9) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated August 24, 2017 for 37 North Holcomb Street.