Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	380 Depot Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-377-015				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.734110	Long: -83.421230			
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 1980	
Architectural Style	Vernacular	
Building Form	Rectangular	
Roof Form	Side Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Clapboard	
Foundation Materials	Brick	
Window Materials	Aluminum	
Window Type	Double Hung	
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	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	Susanne McVinnie Trust					
Historic/Original Owner	Unknown					
Historic Building Use	Single Family					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	February 1, 2022	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 sits on a slight incline on the north side of Depot Road overlooking Depot Park. All the windows in the house are one over one double hung.

On the south elevation a tall brick chimney is visible on both the east and west side gables of the house. The second level on the south elevation has two pairs of windows with shutters sitting atop the shed roof of the porch. The shed roof extends across the front (south elevation) of the house and encloses a porch at the east end that extends into the east elevation and ends at the brick chimney. The shed porch roof also extends around the west elevation just north of the chimney covering a second porch.

The southeast porch has five spindle columns across the south elevation and four on the east elevation. Four steps on the west end of the porch on the south elevation lead from the ground level to a landing and a front door (wooden with oval glass panel). On both sides of the steps is a spindle handrail connecting to a spindle balustrade along the entire edge of the porch. Toward the east end of the porch on the south elevation is a small double hung one over one window with dark color shutters.

On the east elevation of the porch is another entryway into the house on the south side of the chimney. There are three steps with spindle handrails along both sides of the steps. The wood door has three by three glass panes in the upper half.

The porch on the south elevation is enclosed toward the west end. On this enclosure is a pair of double hung one over one windows with dark color shutters.

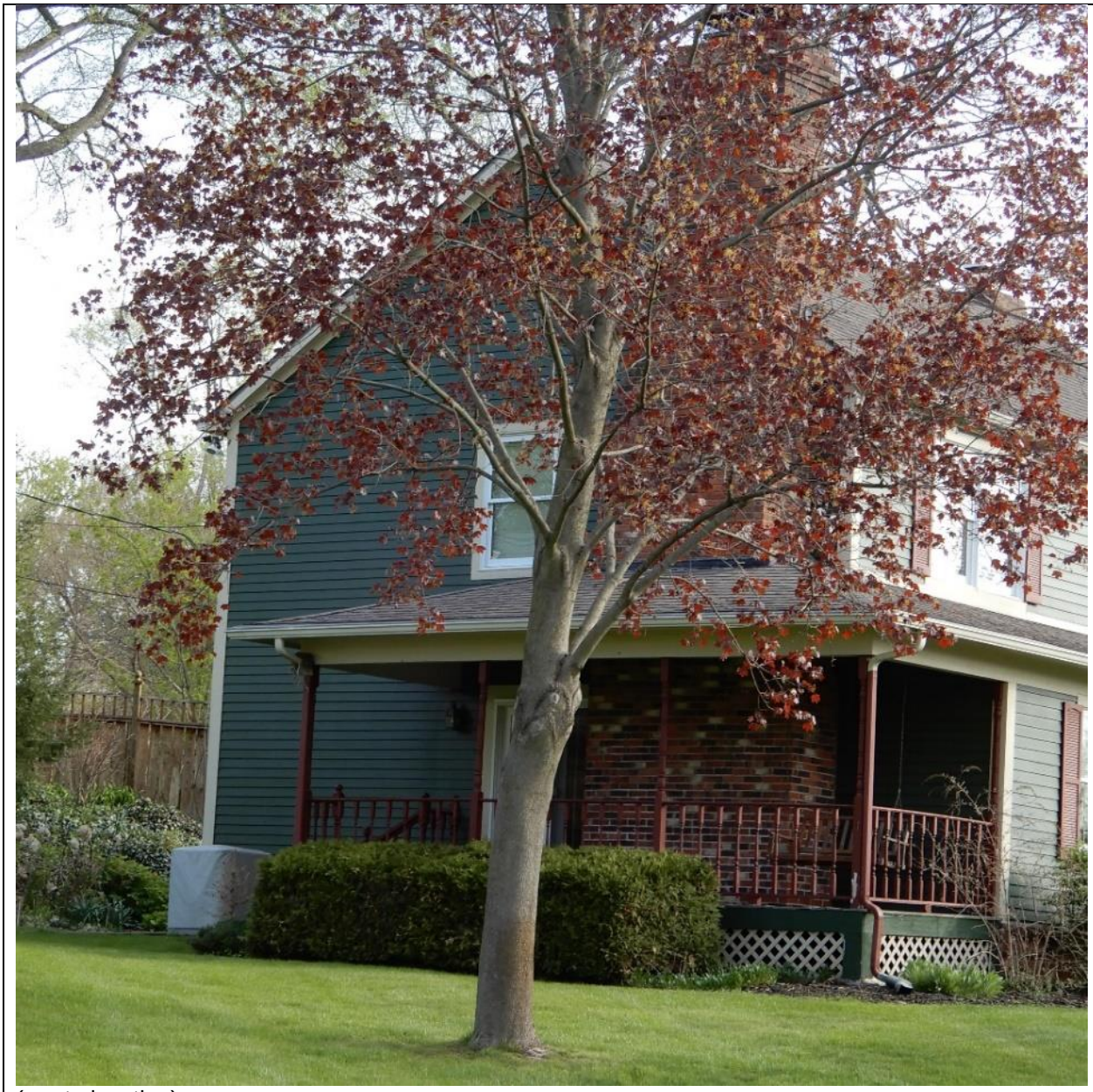


(south elevation)

The second level of the east elevation has no windows.



(east elevation)


(west elevation)

The west elevation on the second level above the shed roof has a single window (no shutters). Inside the shed roof is another porch that wraps around the west corner of the south elevation to the west elevation enclosing the chimney and another entryway into the house. The porch has four spindle columns and a balustrade with an entryway at the north end with spindle handrail along both side of the steps.

All porch areas have a wooden diamond pattern lattice from the floor to the ground level.

A large one and half story barn sits just east of the house. It has a gambrel roof with a dormer (pair of double hung windows one over one) on the east with a shed roof connecting to the roof of the carriage house. The first level of the carriage house has two windows (one over one double hung) on the east elevation. The south elevation on second floor has a double hung window six over six with dark shutters. The first floor has two openings for vehicles.



(barn – south east 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.

The house stands on property that was originally part of the property of Clarkston Mills. Clarkston Mills was the original mill built by Butler Holcomb and sold in 1839 to Jeremiah and N. W. Clark. Butler Holcomb registered the tract of land with the federal government on October 22, 1831. The Clark brothers platted the village in 1832 with the name Clarkston.

The current structure was built c 1980s. Gary and Linda Sutton sold the house via Land Contract in 1986 to Fredrick and Dixie Kinser. The Kinser family lived in the house for about six years and sold it to Stephen and Robin Nance. In 1991 the Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance such that a fence could be installed on the property. When the Nance family moved to Traverse City in 1997, the house was purchased by Susanne and William McVinnie. Susanne still lives in the house.

William retired from Chrysler Corporation in 2003 and passed in 2020. Dr. McVinnie (PhD in engineering) taught for several years and then joined Chrysler in 1972. Bill is credited with bringing the supercomputer to Chrysler that shortened product development and optimized safety features in the automobile.

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.

The house is in excellent condition and represents homes of the 1980s. The house sits on property that was crucial in the development of the Village of Clarkston. William McVinnie that lived in the house for 23 years made major contributions to the automobile industry.

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) Clarkston News 2013 January 9 article “Clarkston snow” by Mary Keck;4
(3) Online obituary for William Wayne McVinnie.