Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	40 Buffalo Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-453-010				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)		Lat: 42.734520		Long: -83.418040	
Ownership	Private X	Public-Local ☐	Public-State ☐	Public-Federal ☐	Multiple ☐

Property Type

Building ☐ select sub-type below Commercial ☐ Residential X Industrial ☐ Other ☐	Structure Object ☐

(Insert primary photograph below.)



Architectural Information

Construction Date	c. 1854	
Architectural Style	Greek Revival	
Building Form	Rectangle	
Roof Form	Side-gabled	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Clapboard	
Foundation Materials	Stone	
Window Materials	Wood	
Window Type	Double Hung	
Outbuildings	Yes	No ☐
Number/Type:	1/garage	

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 X	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 X	Design X	Materials ☐	Workmanship X	Setting X	Feeling X	Association ☐	
General Integrity:	Intact X	Altered ☐	Moved ☐	Date(s):			
Historic Name	None						
Current/Common Name	Catallo, Sharron						
Historic/Original Owner	Unknown						
Historic Building Use	Single Family						
Current Building Use	Single Family						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date		Recorded By		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.

Built in 1854, the original sections of this house (facing east) suggest Greek Revival with cornice lines emphasized with wide, divided band of trim and low-pitched roofline. Around 1890 the house underwent sizable changes that reflect a Gothic Revival influence: the steep pitch roof at the porch entry has a fish-scale like "dormer" roof.

The one-story full width front porch (east elevation) has turned spindle columns and a decorative roof dormer matching and aligned with that of the main roof. On each side of the hand-carved front door is a large picture window with four lites across the top.

Other changes that likely happened at that time include a box bay (with double hung one over one window on each side with a pair of double hung windows in the middle) on the south elevation. There is also a wood door with an eyebrow window (with muntins) at the top and a nearly flat roof. On the second level is another one-over -one double hung window.

It appears from the photo of the west end of the south elevation that a small addition was added with a low-pitched roof, one casement window, and an entry louvered door.

The two-story portion of the north elevation was two double hung one-over-one windows on the first floor and a similar single window on the second floor in the center of the gable. The one-story addition has two double hung windows on the north façade and a low-pitched roofline. The smaller addition further west has two casement windows on the north and the west end has a door entry way and one casement window.

The garage on the west elevation is built of reclaimed barn timber.

Inside the home, logs with square nails are visible in the attic, a testament to mid-nineteenth century construction.



(east elevation)



(south elevation)



(west end of south elevation)



(north elevation)



(garage at west end of property)

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>.

The original one-and-a-half story of this structure was likely built by or for Wilson ("Wiltsie") Vliet in 1854. A New Jersey-native, Vliet was a cabinet maker, carpenter, and boat builder. Although he owned a c. 1900 cabinet shop at 21 North Main Street (a structure that still exists), the tax records of 1858 list his residence and business at 40 Buffalo Street. The home remained in the Vliet family until the 1930s.

From the 1940s through 1982 — some 40 years — Sherman "Sherm" and Fanny Lowery lived in the home. As a boy, Sherm Lowery was a member of Clarkston's Pig Club in 1921, but folks in town knew him best as a longtime maintenance worker for the Clarkston School District. The Lowerys were members of the Clarkston Art Club, which often met at their house. Sherm Lowery supplied this resource's information during the initial Clarkston Historic District Study Committee in 1976.

Sharron and Clarence Catallo purchased the home from Brian and Jaynie Wells in 1997. In 2007, the roof overhang of the side door (south elevation of the addition) was improved along with lighting for safety reasons.



(north elevation c 1978-1983)



(owner Jaynie L. Wells – c 1989)



(c 1989)

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.

Overall, the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. Changes to the structure are easily distinguished from the original construction.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) Independence Township Tax Assessment book of 1871;
(2) 1872 map of Clarkston, *Atlas of Oakland County;*
(3) Notes from the original study committee for registration of the Clarkston Historic District;
(4) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(5) *Community News* 1921 October 22 No. 21;
(6) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed May 12, 1976 by Betty Galligan;
(7) Old photos from Cara Catallo;
(8) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated November 15, 2007 for 40 Buffalo Street.