Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	41 Buffalo Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-454-002				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.734560	Long: -83.417440			
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 1860	
Architectural Style	Greek Revival	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Front Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Aluminum Siding	
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone	
Window Materials	Vinyl	
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 ☒	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	None					
Current/Common Name	Forte, Steve and Amanda Wakefield					
Historic/Original Owner	Brockenshaw, Richard					
Historic Building Use	Single Family (some years rental)					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	June 1, 2022; updated July 7, 2023	Recorded By	Cara Catallo & Michael 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 Greek Revival house sits on the east side of Buffalo Street. The house has a front gable roof with a broken pediment and a wide band of trim. One the west elevation the second floor has two six over six double hung windows with identical windows directly below on the first floor. There is a one-story wing on the south end of the two-story portion of the house with a low-pitched roof. Where the wing connects to the main house, there is a porch about six feet deep occupying the northerly two thirds of the wing addition. The porch has one square pillar just to the south of two steps leading to the porch from the sidewalk. Inside the porch is a door with an oval glass decorative window and a six over six double hung window to the south of the door. There is a six over six small double hung window on the west elevation of the south addition (wing) just inches south of the porch. This window sits high on the façade, inches below the eaves.



(west elevation)

The north elevation has two six over six double hung windows on the first floor that are close to the ground.



(north elevation)


(south elevation – west end)

The south elevation (south wing addition) on the west end has one six over six double hung window just west of center and a smaller six over six double hung window just east of center.


(south elevation – east end)

It appears as if a one-story second addition with a low-pitched roof was added to the east side. On the south elevation of this addition is one six over six double hung window near the southeast corner. At the intersection of the two additions on the south elevation is a half story bump out extension with a steep slanted roof from the side of the house to the ground.


(east elevation)

The east elevation of this second addition with a low-pitched gable roof (only on the one-story portion of the house) has a door near the south end with nine (three by three) glass panes in the top one-half. On the northerly end of this east elevation of the second addition is a pair of French doors, each with fifteen panes of glass (three by five). On the north elevation of the addition is another double hung window. On the east elevation of the two story original structure there is one six over six double hung window on each floor.

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 was built on the former site of Jesse Millard's cooper and wagon shop (1855–1860), relocated to North Main Street. This house is believed to have been built in 1860. It belonged to local shoe and boot maker Richard Brockenshaw from 1862-1877.

Orrie (1889-1980) and Florence (1893-1958) Adams lived in the house during the 1940s and 1950s. Orrie was a Corporal in the US Marine Corps during World War 1. Florence was very active in the community – Matron of Joseph C. Bird Chapter O. E. S., a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, and member of the Clarkston Home Extension Club.

At the time the Clarkston Historic District was certified William and Roberta Allen owned the house with its clapboard siding.



(date unknown)



(c 1989)



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Homeowners, Ron and Denise Elias, added onto the rear of the structure in 1994. The home's original wood clapboard exists underneath the aluminum siding, which was added at some unknown point.

In May 2020, owner, Roger Young, moved existing window south elevation (kitchen) west by ten inches, moved existing west elevation (bathroom) window north by 58 inches, and replaced two existing double hung windows with Anderson inswing French doors on the east elevation.

In April 2022 Steve Forte and Amanda Wakefield, homeowners, replaced the roof and rebuilt the chimney.

Amanda has served on the Tree and Garden Committee, Clarkston Biophilic Committee, and as a City Council member.

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 1860 house still stands as a good example of its era and of the Greek Revival style, as demonstrated by the one-and-a-half story section's broken pediment gable on the front façade and the recessed porch on the single-story wing. Along with design integrity, it demonstrates integrity in its location, setting, and materials.

The modifications to the house do not detract from the structure remaining a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) 1872 Map of the Village of Clarkston;
(2) Old Photos from the Clarkston Community Historical Society and from Cara Catallo;
(3) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed June 29, 1976 by Betty Galligan;
(4) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(5) *Clarkston News 1958 September 25* article "Obituaries Mrs., Orrie Adams";
(6) *Clarkston News 1949 June 24* article "Clarkston Locals";
(7) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated July 12, 1994 for 41 Buffalo Street;
(8) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated May 21, 2022 for 41 Buffalo Street;
(9) Clarkston Historic District Memorandum of Administrative Approval dated May 25, 2022 for 41 Buffalo Street;
(10) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated May 20, 2020 for 41 Buffalo Street.