Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	41 North Holcomb Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-326-026				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.737010	Long: -83.422640			
Ownership	Private ☒	Public-Local ☐	Public-State ☐	Public-Federal ☐	Multiple ☐

Property Type

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

(Insert primary photograph below.)



Architectural Information

Construction Date	c 1926	
Architectural Style	Gothic Revival	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Front Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Aluminum Siding	
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone/Cement Block	
Window Materials	Wood and Vinyl	
Window Type	Double Hung	
Outbuildings	Yes ☐	No ☒
Number/Type:		

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	Architecture Significance and Family History of Original Owner						
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	Gorski, Richard						
Historic/Original Owner	Holcomb, Butler J., and Ella						
Historic Building Use	Single Family						
Current Building Use	Single Family						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	October 5, 2023	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 Gothic Revival structure sits on the west side of North Holcomb Street and is the last house in the historic district on this side of the street. It has a steeply pitched roof with a decorative vergeboard and a gable vent near the peak with the wall surface extending into the gable without a break of trim. The second floor of the east elevation has a wide one over one double hung window with dark colored shutters. Directly below is a hipped roof for a full-width first floor enclosed porch. Across the east elevation of the porch are two large glass sliding windows each with a window box: one on each side of the entrance (wood door with a large oval glass inside the frame and a long narrow sidelight on both north and south sides of the door).



(east elevation)



The base of the porch is vertical siding connected to square wooden lattice work. Three cement steps lead from the front walkway to the entrance. There is a similar large glass sliding window on both the north and south elevations of the porch. The inside entryway is a wood door with six lites (three by two) in the top one third of the door. There is a double-hung window on each side of the door.



(south elevation)

There is an extension or bump out on the south elevation with a low-pitched shingled roofline at the east end, then a shingled hipped roof in the middle with a flat roof at the west end. Above this jagged roofline on the second floor (of the original structure) is a one over one double hung window above the hipped roof and two sliding windows above the flat roof with the window at the west end being larger. The east elevation of the extension has a narrow one over one double hung window on the first floor and a pair of similar windows on the south elevation first floor. The east elevation of the hipped roof section has an entrance with three cement steps leading to the walkway. There is a large picture window on the south elevation of this section with dark colored shutters. There is a one over one double hung window in the east section of the flat roof portion. The structure sits on a slight hillside so the extension/addition on the west end of the south elevation has a visible block foundation. There are no windows on the westerly one half of this section.



(north elevation)

The north elevation has a long low-pitched shingled roof with a small flat roof toward the west end over the westerly portion of the attached garage. On the second floor toward the east end is a one over one double hung window with dark colored shutters. Toward the middle and the west end of the second floor are two vertical glass sliding windows with dark colored shutters. Toward the middle of the first floor is a vertical glass sliding window with dark colored shutters. To the west of the window is an entrance with one step to the side of the driveway. The driveway leads to the attached two car garage on the west end of the north elevation. At the far end of the garage is a man door entrance.

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 property was originally part of the tract of Butler Holcomb (Butler and Mary Holcomb) property registered with the federal government in 1831. Butler Holcomb built the first sawmill in using waterpower from the Mill Pond (Clinton River Watershed Lower Mill Pond). Mr. Butler sold this mill and water rights to Jeremiah III and Nelson Clark (brothers) in 1838. These brothers are reported as the founders of the Village of Clarkston. The 1872, 1896, and 1902 maps of the Village of Clarkston show no building footprint. By 1926, the property values escalated with the name B. Holcomb. B. Holcomb (Butler J.) was the grandson of the Butler and Mary Holcomb. Butler J. (1856-1945) was a carpenter specializing in building cabinets and boats. His past time was building and refinishing old furniture. The original Holcomb home (home of Butler and Mary Holcomb) and barn were located at the corner of North Holcomb Street and Miller Road

An addition was added to the west elevation and the wood clapboard siding of the house was covered with aluminum siding, but the date of these changes is unknown.



(1989 south elevation)



(1999 north elevation)

In 1999, the owners, Jeff and Carey Jones, replaced the wooden windows with Wallside Window Company double hung, solid-vinyl windows. They also replaced the aluminum windows on the front porch (east elevation) and the siding inside the porch with lapped cedar siding. The columns and the trim of the porch remained the same.

Richard Gorski, the current owner, purchased the house in 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. <u>This is required for all properties</u>.

The structure does have some additions and modifications from its original design. However, it is still a recognizable Gothic Revival structure. The original ownership of Butler J. Holcomb is significant. His grandparents owned the tract of property that became the Historic Village of Clarkston. Butler J. and his brother Charles owned the Clarkston Mills at the turn of the century.

This structure still remains a contributing resource to the Historic Village of Clarkston.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) 1872 Map of Clarkston, *Atlas of Oakland County;*
(2) 1896 Map of the Village of Clarkston;
(3) 1902 Map of the Village of Clarkston;
(4) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(5) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated August 2, 1999 for 41 North Holcomb Street;
(6) Old photos from Cara Catallo, Clarkston Community Historical Society, and Brookstone Realtors;
(7) *Clarkston News 1932 January 1 article "Butler Holcomb Reminisces".*