Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	52 East Church Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-454-009				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.734610		Long: - 83.416000		
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. 1880
Architectural Style	Gothic Revival
Building Form	Irregular
Roof Form	Front Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Wood
Foundation Materials	Stone
Window Materials	Wood
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	Domestic Architecture and Historic/meaningful Community Connection						
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	Unknown						
Current/Common Name	Roeser, Douglas L. and Judith Kay						
Historic/Original Owner	Beardsley, Frank						
Historic Building Use	Single Family Residence						
Current Building Use	Single Family Residence						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	January 3, 2022	Recorded By	Carole Sawyer	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 south side of East Church with the east edge of the property along a stream which is part of the Clinton River watershed. The apparent original portion is two floor front gabled with a steep pitched roof on the west end of the north (front) elevation.



(north elevation)



(north elevation – front porch)

Toward the east of this north (front) elevation is a single-story wing addition with a prominent, elevated covered wood porch. The porch roof is a shed-like extension of the main roof of the east section. The main entrance to the house along with two double-hung one over one windows with dark colored shutters to the east of the door are covered by the roof of the porch. The porch has four square columns with a bracketed capital and a wooden balustrade that surrounds the porch and both sides of the four steps leading to the porch landing. There are two newel posts on the first steps and on the landing.

A brick chimney is exiting above the roofline on the north elevation toward the middle of the house.

There are two double-hung one over one windows centered on the lower level of the original two-story portion of the house. A pair of double-hung one over one windows are centered on the second level. All windows have dark colored shutters, window hoods with sawtooth detail and ornate brackets.


(windows – north elevation)

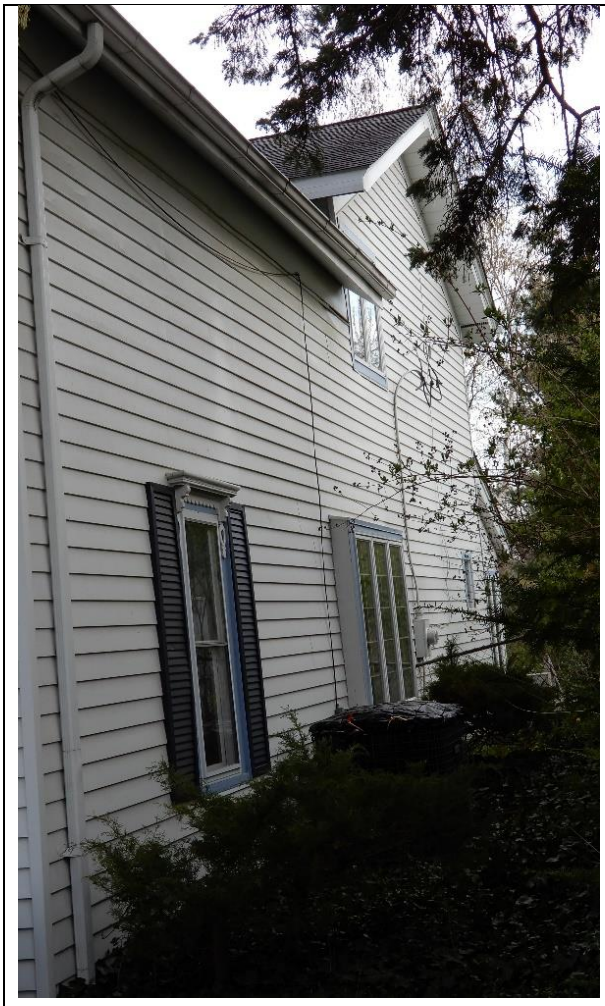
Note the window hoods with sawtooth detail and ornate decoration.



An attached two-car garage was built on the east side of the original structure in 1974.



(east elevation)



(west elevation)



(northwest elevation)

On the west elevation, the original two-story portion of the house has a single one over one double hung window with dark shutters on the first floor. It appears as if a two-story addition was added to the south elevation with a low-pitched side gable roof. This addition has a pair of windows on the second level directly next to the roofline of the original house. A shallow box bay is on the first floor next to the original structure with three windows on the west side.

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.

Tax records seem to indicate that Daniel Scadding owned this property, a part of a larger piece which included land to the east and the south until 1881 when Frank Beardsley became the owner of this site, assessed value $300. The house was apparently built for/by Mr. Beardsley. A map of the Village in 1872 does not show a building footprint at that time, so construction of the house took place between 1872 & 1881. According to a 1921 Community News article Franklin Beardsley was the first mayor of Clarkston. He had a lumberyard on East Church Street which at the time stopped at the stream which still runs south from Park Lake. Byron Beardsley, Franklin's son, moved the lumber business to 89 N. Holcomb.



Photo of the house reportedly taken in 1926, from the west looking east.

By 1927 Mr. & Mrs. Eber D. Parent became the owners of the house site as well as the property to the east including the future sites of the Methodist Church and the Clarkston Junior High School. Church Street was extended with a cobblestone bridge when the school was built. In the 1940s, the house was the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Matthews. Mrs. Matthews (Polly), the daughter of the minister of the Clarkston Methodist Church, opened a music studio in her home in 1942. One of her pupils, Ivan Rouse, later became the owner and director of the Clarkston Conservatory of Music, 49 S. Main St.

In 1974, a major addition to the south side of the house and an attached garage were constructed

In the mid 1900's, Howard (1906 – 1988) and Dorothy (1905 – 1986) Huttenlocher raised their family in the house.

Douglas and Judith Kay Roeser purchased the home from the Huttenenlcher Trust (c 1971). The Roesers doubled the size of the house to accommodate their family. Douglas has served on the Wetlands Review Board and as a member of the Clarkston City Council.



(c 1989)



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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>.

There is a steeply pitched gable over the original two-story section of the house reminiscent of the Gothic Revival style. Note the sawtooth detail of the window hoods which is seen on other Gothic Revival houses in Clarkston.

The addition on the south elevations and the attached garage are clearly distinguishable from the original structure. The house has many of its original features and retains its place in 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) Home Tour Clarkston *Scamp Silver Anniversary Edition 1983-2007;*
3) *Clarkston News 1994 August 10 article* "Incumbents run opposed";
4) *Clarkston News 1993 August 18 article* "Council appoints 10 to city posts";
5) Old photos from Clarkston Community Historical Society and Cara Catallo;
6) *Home Tour Clarkston Scamp Silver Anniversary Edition 1983-2007.*