Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	52 South Holcomb Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-377-009				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.734330	Long: -83.421700			
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. 1880	
Architectural Style	Vernacular	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Side Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingle	
Exterior Wall Materials	Cedar Shake Shingle	
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone	
Window Materials	Wood, 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 Ditrict
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	Gendregske. Mark and Jennifer					
Historic/Original Owner	Blake, Mary					
Historic Building Use	Residential					
Current Building Use	Residential					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	Jan. 15, 2022	Recorded By	Kevin Knapp	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 east side of South Holcomb Street.



(west elevation)

This two-story vernacular has undergone many significant changes. Originally a rectangular side gable structure, it now includes a large one-story (easterly) rear addition with an attached west-facing two-car garage, all of which more than doubles the original footprint.

The west elevation has had a front gabled portico added, centered over the entry door. The porch area below the portico may have started out as either an open-air porch or screened porch but has since been converted to a fully enclosed porch with modern storm windows and screen along the perimeter.

The side gables feature double-hung eight over eight windows with white shutters, placed one above the other and centered in each gable. The attached garage addition has a single west-facing double hung eight over eight window with white shutters near the point where it meets the wall of the original house. The south-facing side of the garage has two vinyl slider windows without shutters.

The north elevation of the easterly addition features a small double-hung window with white shutters west of a red brick chimney. The rear addition has a large slider window located at the northeast corner of the structure.

The house is uniformly covered with shingle siding, though Susan K. Basinger's notes mention the house once having wood clapboard siding before a renovation.



(front entrance – west elevation)



(front entrance - west)


(south elevation)


(north elevation)

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>.

A map of the village from 1872 has no building footprint on this site at that point. However, there was a small rectangle indicated on the site, which suggests that some kind of structure was in existence. The owner was listed then as W.S. Blake. Subsequent property transfers show the value for the lot increasing during the late 1880s.

Shingle siding was applied over the original clapboard; the windows were changed; the front porch was enclosed; and a garage was attached. No details as to when all these changes occurred.

Seward Demund (1862-1932) owned the house from 1894 through 1915. Seward was born in Clarkston and lived in the community for 59 years. George Bird (1872-1960) owned the house from 1928 through the 1950s.

In 1977 Joyce (1933 – 2020) and Colby Little purchased the home. Joyce retired from Michigan Pontiac Bell. The Littles continued ownership until 2018 when the trust sold the house to the current owners Mark and Jennifer

Gendregske. In 2019, Mark and Jennifer replaced the porch windows using North Star model 1701 horizontal sliders; replaced the porch door; and replaced main door to garage with a window.



(northwest elevation – date unknown)



(northwest elevation – 1989)



(southwest elevation – 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.

This structure is an example of a vernacular home built in the late 1880s. Overall the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity to remain as a contributing resource to 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) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated November 13, 2018, for 52 South Holcomb Street;
(3) *Home Tour Clarkston Scamp Silver Anniversary Edition 1983-2007;*
(4) Old photos from Cara Catallo.