Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	55 Buffalo Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-454-003				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.7341702		Long: -83.417400		
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 1861
Architectural Style	Greek Revival
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Front Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt
Exterior Wall Materials	Clapboard
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone
Window Materials	Wood/Vinyl
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes ☒ No ☐
Number/Type:	2/Shed and rental property with two units

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 Design
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	Adler, Edwin and Gretchen
Historic/Original Owner	Bartlett, G. B.
Historic Building Use	Single Family
Current Building Use	Singe Family
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown
Builder/Contractor	Unknown

Survey Date	June 10, 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 Greek Revival one and one-half story structure sits on the east side of Buffalo Street on nearly a one/half acre lot. The west elevation two-story portion of the house has a broken pediment with a wide entablature under a medium pitched roof. There is a louvered vent in the gable and a prominent square pilaster at each corner of the roof to the ground level. Both floors of the two-story section have two one over one double hung windows with painted shutters aligned vertically.



(west elevation)

The one-story wing on the north end of the two-story west elevation has a recessed porch with a rectangle column at each end and a spindle column on each side of the entrance, five steps from the front sidewalk. The door is wooden with three-by-three glass panes in the top two-thirds of the door. On each side of the door is a one over one double hung window.

On the far north one-half of the wing (outside of the porch) is a large picture window with shutters and a storm window with two vertical sections. The low-pitched side gable roof has a wide overhang over the entire wing on the west elevation.



(porch west elevation)



(west elevation north end)



(south elevation)

On the south elevation of the original two-story portion, there are three one over one double hung windows on each floor vertically aligned. There is a one-story addition on the east elevation visible from the south with a low-pitched roof and an entrance at the intersection of the addition and the original house. The shed in the backyard is visible from the south.



(north elevation)



(west end of the north elevation)

The medium pitched side gable roof has a fieldstone chimney in the middle of the west end of the north elevation. This is the northerly wing noted above. On the west side of the chimney is a large horizontal picture window with four by three panes. On the east side of the chimney is a casement window with three horizontal panes directly below a louvered vent below the roofline. The far east end of this section of the wing is a one over one double hung window.



(east end of the north elevation)

There is an addition on the east end of the north elevation. The addition has a low-pitched roof with a wide overhang covering a porch with three spindle columns. Inside the porch is an entrance with a multi-pane door next to the intersection of the addition and the west end of the wing on the north elevation. The porch floor appears to be even with the ground. On the east end of this addition is a one over one double hung window with shutters.



(east elevation)

On the second floor of the original two-story east elevation of the structure are two one over one double hung windows and a louvered attic vent in the gable. There appears to be a square pilaster at each corner of the second floor. The

addition on the first floor of the east elevation has an extension on the south end and a small one over one window on the north end next to the addition on the north wing of the house.

The addition on the east end of the north wing has a low-pitched roof with a louvered attic vent in the gable. The south side of this addition has an entrance at the intersection with the addition on the east elevation of the two-story portion of the house. East of the entrance is a one over one double hung window. The east end of the addition has a canted bay with a flat roof and one over one window on each of the three sides. The window facing east is larger than the other two.

The date of a long rectangular side-gable building with siding at the northeast corner of the property is unknown. There are two apartments in the structure. The apartment on the north side of the carriage house doors has a prominent chimney on the east elevation and a roofline that extends over the porch on the west elevation but not over the carriage doors. The porch has five spindle columns with a landing flat with the front sidewalk and driveway. There is a pair of one over one double hung windows on the north side of the door and a pair of casement windows with dark colored shutters on the south. There is a door with three by four glass panes in the top one/half next to the carriage doors.



(rental structure at the east end of the property)

The apartment on the south side of the carriage doors has a pair of casement windows with dark colored shutters on each side of the entrance. The windows on the south side of the doorway are slightly smaller. The roofline hangs slightly over the front door with a black wrought iron railing around the cement landing with two steps down to the front walkway. There is a split-rail fence on both sides of the walkway across the front of the apartment.

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 1872 Village of Clarkston map shows the footprint of a building with the name G. B. Bartlett. An addition on the north elevation of the two-story structure was constructed increasing interior space. Additions to the east elevation were also added.



(date unknown – north west elevation)

Floyd (1875-1962) and Blanche (1880-1957) Terry owned the property from 1925 through the early 1960s. Then ownership was Robert and Martha Anthony at the time the Village of Clarkston was certified as a historic district.

Current owners Edwin L (1937) and Gretchen (1938) Adler have owned the property since at least 1989. Edwin is listed as an agent for the Adler Investment Company, LLC located at 20 West Washington Street, Clarkston, Michigan.



c 1989 west elevation)



(c 1989 north and west elevations)



(c 1989 west and south elevations)

In 2005, the well on the property was abandoned.

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.

The house has had several additions, but the original features of the two-story Greek Revival remain unchanged. The structure continues to be a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District.

Later additions are easily distinguishable from the original structure.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) 1872 map of Clarkston, *Atlas of Oakland County*;
(2) *Clarkston News* April 5, 1962 article entitled "Obituary – Floyd C. Terry";
(3) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991-2005 and research by Susan K. Basinger;
(4) *Clarkston News* August 22, 1957 article entitled "Obituary – Mrs. Blanche Terry";
(5) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed June 30 1976 by Betty Galligan;
(6) Old photos from Cara Catallo.