Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	55 North Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-328-013				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.737560	Long: -83.419820			
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 1920	
Architectural Style	Colonial Revival	
Building Form	Rectangle	
Roof Form	Side-Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Aluminum Siding	
Foundation Materials	Rusticated Block	
Window Materials	Wood	
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	Domestic Architecture and Historic 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	The King Home					
Current/Common Name	Hargis, Stephen and Charlene					
Historic/Original Owner	King, George and Mazy					
Historic Building Use	Single Family					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	August 12, 2020	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.



(east elevation)

This two-story rectangular Colonial Revival house (east elevation) has a small prominent vestibule with three symmetrically adjacent balanced windows (six over one) on both sides with gray shutters. The window in the middle is larger. Directly above the front vestibule on the second level are a pair of adjacent windows (six over one double-hung) with gray shutters; and on each side of these windows is another larger double hung window (six over one) with gray shutters.

The entrance is an enclosed vestibule with sidelights (five) on each side of the door and a broken transom (one-three-one lites) above the door; each side (north and south) of the vestibule has four small lites across the top and twenty (four by five lites) slightly larger windows below. The low pitch roof has decorative balustrade with simple square balusters.



(vestibule on the east elevation)


(northeast elevation)

Within each side gable (north and south elevations) of the steep pitched roof is a tall narrow window. The north elevation has a prominent brick chimney that pierces the roof overhang and a full width single-story sunroom with a flat roof and a simple short balustrade with square balusters. On the second level a six over one double hung window is just east of the chimney and at the west end of the sunroom roof is a doorway entry to the sunroom roof. The sunroom has four large, rectangular single pane windows on the east side and six on the north side. A second prominent brick chimney is visible on the west elevation.


(south elevation)

On the south elevation there is a canted bay with a tall narrow window on each side (east and west) and a large picture window on the south facing side with a hipped shingled roof. Above the bay on the second level is a six over one wide double hung window with dark shutters. To the east of the bay is an entryway from the driveway. The door has nine lights (three by three) in the top one-half.

There appears to be a two-story addition on the west elevation. The south elevation of this addition has a window. There is also a balustrade on the south elevation that appears near a landing with multi-steps to the garage and backyard. The property backs up to the Clinton River Watershed Lower Mill Pond.

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 property was part of the original plot of land grant to Butler Holcomb by President Andrew Jackson. The property passed through several families including the Clark family but in June 1918 George King purchased the property and had a home built for his family. Mr. King moved to Clarkston from Detroit to accept the position of cashier of the Clarkston State Bank. Esidore (Isadore) Jossman started Clarkston's first bank c. 1912 in his general store; unfortunately, it failed due to his nephew's embezzlement from the bank. A group of Clarkston businesspeople organized the Clarkston State Bank in 1913. George D. King was made president on January 12, 1937. Mr. King was a member of Cedar Lodge No. 60 F. & A. M., Rotary International, Oakland County Bankers association and the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents. George also owned and operated the King's Insurance Agency. Mr. King also served on the Clarkston Village Council and the Independence Township Board. Tax records indicate in 1952 ownership passed to Mr. and Mrs. Malen Ellsworth who are thought to have added the aluminum siding.



(date unknown – southwest view)

In 1973 James Weber constructed the addition at the back of the house to maximize the view of the Mill Pond. In 1990 three windows (not part of the original structure) were replaced with a bay window cantilevered without any foundation extending one and one-half feet south from the kitchen.



(date unknown – east elevation)



(1989 northeast elevation)



(1989 – southeast elevation)

Steve and Charlene Hargis purchased the house in 1993 (the fourth owners) and over the years restored the house to its splendid appearance. The house was partially rewired but some of the original knob-and-tubing wiring was retained. The foyer was rebuilt with added footing to support the structure. The house still retains its original trim moldings and beaded chair rail molding in the front parlor; other details include fancy door hardware and ornate hinges and cherry wood flooring located in the parlor and dining room.

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>.

This structure is an example of a Colonial Revival home built in the early 1900's. Overall the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity in multiple aspects to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. The original owners the King family were very influential in business ownership, and community aspects in Clarkston.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) Independence Township Tax Assessment book of 1871;
(2) 1908 map of Clarkston, www.ocphs.org*;*
(3) *Clarkston News* November 6, 1936 Joseph Jossman obituary;
(4) *Clarkston News* November 14, 1947 George D. King obituary;
(5) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;

(6) *Images of America Clarkston* Cara Catallo for the Clarkston Community Historical Society 2015;
(7) Home Tour Clarkston Scamp Silver Anniversary Edition 1983-2007;
(8) Comments from the present homeowners Stephen and Charlene Hargis;
(9) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed May 20, 1975 by Betty Galligan;
(10) Old photos from Cara Catallo.