Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	56 East Washington Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-452-005				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.735760	Long: -83.416540			
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 1856	
Architectural Style	Greek Revival	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Front Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Cedar Clapboard	
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone	
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	Architectural Signifance						
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	Cameron, Darren & Jessica						
Historic/Original Owner	Perry, Robert						
Historic Building Use	Single Family						
Current Building Use	Single Family						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	November 10, 2022	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 house sits on the south side of East Washington Street with a low-pitched roof with a wide frieze board and a broken pediment. The two-story front gable section on the west end has two six over one double hung windows on the second floor and two similar windows on the first floor. At the east end of the two-story section is a flat roof porch with two square columns with heavy square piers. Two steps lead from the front walk and the sidewalk along the east wing to the cement landing. The entrance inside the porch is a wooden door with sidelights on each side and a decorative base and pilasters on each side of the sidelights.



(north elevation)



(west wing of the north elevation)



(east wing of north elevation)

The east wing of the north elevation has a breezeway or hyphen connecting from the two-story portion of the north elevation to the attached garage. The westernmost part of this is a porch with a low-pitched roof. There is a cement porch floor with two square columns for support. Inside this porch is a large picture window with mullions creating seven by four glass panes. There is an entrance from the porch into the east side of the first floor of the two-story portion of the house. There is an entrance from the east end of the porch to the garage.

The east elevation of the original two-story house has a one over one double hung window near the north end and two pairs of two over two roll out windows near the south end all on the second level.



(west elevation)

The west elevation of the two-story section of the house has two six over one double hung windows on both the first and second floors vertically aligned. A multi-story brick chimney is visible toward the southwest corner and extends far above the roofline. The west elevation of the one-story addition on the south was visible just south of the chimney with no windows.

There are no photos of the east and south elevations.

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 original section of this one and one-half story Greek Revival house was built by Robert Perry c 1856. One year later, Mr. Perry sold the house to Oscar and Emily Frazer for a ten-fold profit. The 1872 Village Map of Clarkston has a footprint on a L-shaped house labeled Demerest. Samuel Demerest owned the hotel, the Demerest House built c. 1872 located on the northwest corner of West Washington and North Main Streets. Over the years the hotel changed names but eventually became the Caribou Inn. By 1910 Jacob (1863-1935) and Alice (1869-1949) Gulick owned the house. Jacob was the local barber and was known by his nickname "Jake." Alice was a member of the Methodist Church and remained active in the Woman's Society until the last few years of her life.



(1989 northwest elevation)



(1989 east end of north elevation)

The house was remodeled in the 1960s. The porch on the north elevation and the picture window visible in breezeway were included in these changes.

At the time the Village of Clarkston was certified as an Historic District the owner was Martin Steiner. In 2002, the homeowner, Dan Columbo replaced the screened porch on the south elevation with a closed in 4-season room. Size and footprint remained the same. In 2008, Dan replaced a window on the south elevation with a doorway to create an entrance into the back room. He also removed a window from the garage,

Mike Remley, the homeowner in 2012, changed the windows in the 4-season room to Anderson wooden double hung windows and changed the siding to wood same width as before. Thomas and Nancy Strach owned the property in 2019 and sold the home to Darren and Jessica Cameron in 2022.


(2017 east elevation)

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 Greek Revival house has been remodeled over the years, but it still retains characteristics of the original structure. The house continues to be 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) Old photos from the Cara Catallo;
(3) Village of Clarkston 1872 Map;
(4) *Clarkston News 1935 December 27 article "Death Takes Jacob A. Gulick";*
(5) *Clarkston News 1949 April 15 article "Death claims Mrs. Alice Gulick";*
(6) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated July 29, 2002 for 56 East Washington Street;
(7) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated November 13, 2012 for 56 East Washington Street.