Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	58 North Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, MI 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-402-024				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.737600	Long: -83.418760			
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 1852	
Architectural Style	Greek Revival	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Front Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Clapboard	
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone	
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						
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	Scranton, Washington Clark						
Current/Common Name	Rodgers, James Barry and Laura Ann						
Historic/Original Owner	Smith, Nicholas Bonaparte						
Historic Building Use	Single Family/Multi Family						
Current Building Use	Single Family						
Architect/Engineer/Design	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 structure sits on the east of Main Street and backs up onto Parke Lake. This Greek Revival house has a front gable with triangular pediment with a wide band of trim. There is a dentil molding in the entablature. The two-story front porch/ front pediment are supported by four classical columns with dentil molding below the capitals.



(west elevation)

The front porch is approached by three steps with wrought iron balustrade on each side. The front door is directly in front of the steps with a highly decorative entablature that includes a wide wood transom above the door then dentilation across the entire unit. The door is flanked by decorative pilasters which are in turn flanked by side lites with multiple divided lites. These are then flanked by another set of identical decorative pilasters



(west elevation – front door)

To the north of the door, equally spaced, are two large one over one double hung windows with decorative molding having ear embellishment and that extends along the sides of the windows all the way to the floor. There is a wood panel beneath each window. Above each of these two windows and the door is a second floor, each with a one over one double hung window.



(west elevation – north end)

The one-story wing to the south of the two-story portion of the house has three one over one double hung windows with dark colored shutters on the west elevation. A prominent brick chimney is visible in the background, extending the west side of the roof.

The north elevation is difficult to view due to tall bushes. There are no windows on the second floor and two double hung one over one windows on the first floor of two-story portion of the house. The one-story addition to this north elevation toward the east has a pair of one over one double hung windows.



(south elevation)

The south elevation (one -story) wing at the west end has two tall, one over one double hung windows. Directly below the second window from the corner of the house is bulkhead door entrance to the basement.



(south elevation)

Continuing toward the east along the south elevation is a diamond lattice screen covering what appears to be four casement windows next to a recessed porch with a glass panel door entrance and a one over one window on the east end of the recessed area. The house sits on a slight hillside above the lake so there are several wide steps from the driveway to the four porch steps and landing leading to the doorway.

At the east end of the south elevation is a wide brick chimney that extends through the eaves of the gable peak.



(south elevation – east end)



(east elevation)

The east elevation (south one-story portion of the house extension) has a large, canted bay with one over one double hung window on each side and a large picture window in the middle with a modified hipped roof. The north extension on the east elevation has a gable roof with a picture window and a one over one double hung window on each side. On the south elevation of this extension is a pair of one over one double hung windows. It appears as in the second story of the east elevation of the original structure there is a small single pane window toward the north and a one over one double hung window toward the south end. The pediment is open on the east elevation. Between the two extensions on the east elevation is a small courtyard with another gable roofline with five tall glass windows/doors. At the time the photo was taken major landscape work was being completed on the east side of the structure. The east elevation windows overlook Parke Lake at the bottom of the hillside.

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 house sits on property that belonged to Nelson W. Clark's original land ownership in the Village of Clarkston. By 1855 Washington Clark Scranton and his wife Charlotte owned the property. The tax record at the time recorded the structure as the resiedence of Scranton. By 1865 Nicholas Bonaparte Smith and wife Mary Phillips owned the house. Mr. Smith was a merchant and a pharmacist who owned a drugstore at the northeast corner of East Washington and North Main Street. Nicholas Smith was the town clerk in 1857 and 1859. Emmaline Walter (Nicholas Smith's second wife) modified the house to serve as a two family house and added a front door to the east elevation of the south wing.



(date unknown - west elevation)

In 1930, a library was added to the north elevation . In 1967 the structure was renovated with the south wing expanded to the east to include a family room with a fireplace. In 1974, fire damaged the original rectangular domed wooden ceiling in the living room which was covered with a plaster ceiling.

In 1980 when the orignal documents were filed for the Clarkston Historic District , Richard Degener owned the property. Richard worked for Federal-Mogul Corporation and in June 1979 was promoted to vice pressident. In April of 1979 during a storm large tree branches damaged the roof of the house.



(date unkniwn – northwest elevation)

In 1982, Township Supwrvisor James B. Smith and wife Betty purchased the home from Richard Degener and moved to the village from their farm on Allen Road.



(1989 - west elevation)



(1989 southwest elevation)



(1999 - east elevation).

In May,1999 the home was owned by William and Mary Ann Williams; they extended the the north end addition of the east elevation to create a master bedroom overlooking Parke Lake. At the time, the master bedroom was on the west elevation (front of the house). The foundation of the extension was concrete block with asphalt shingles, beveled wood siding and wood trim with a vertical board to mark the beginning of the new addition.

James and Laura Rodgers purchased the home in 2020 from the William and Mary Anne Williams Trust. The Rodgers preserved the chimney visible from the street (west elevation) and replaced the windows and increased the size of the north extension of the east elevation The roofline of the middle section of the east elevation was modified. These modifications resulted in a larger kitchen, a renovated master bedroom, and a new mudroom/laundry room.

Then in 2023 they repaired and replced porch decking (west elevation) that had deteriodated over time, replaced the Bilco door on the south elevation with the same size and style, and landscaped the front (west) and side (south) features of the yard.

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 traditional Greek Revival structure has had several additions to the east elevation. The modifications are easily distinguishable from the original portion of the house. The front façade retains most of its original features and continues to be a gem resource to the Clarkston Historic District. The house retains integrity in all seven aspects and continues to be a contributing resource.

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) Emil Lurch/Lorch comments on this house in 1934. He suggested this house plus structures at 76 North Main and 58 North Main were built about the same time;
(3) *Clarkston A Michigan Legacy Preserved* Clarkston Community Historical Society;
(4) *Images of America Clarkston* Cara Catallo for the Clarkston Community Historical Society 2015;
(5) *Heritage,* Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1877 Edited by Jennifer L. Radcliff;
(6) Old photos from Cara Cattalo and Clarkston Community Historical Society:
(7) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed April 1973 and November 1975 by Betty Galligan and Jennifer Radcliff;
(8) *Clarkston News 1967 December 14* article “Another Day” by Constance Lektzian;
(9) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated May 20, 1999, 58 North Main Street;
(10) *Clarkston News 1979 April 11* article “Wind, ice leave homes out in cold” by Kathy Greenfield;
(11) *Clarkston News 1979 May 23* article “Clarkston men promoted”;
(12) *Clarkston News 1982 August 4* article “Smiths move to Main Street” by Marilyn Trumper;
(13) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated May 20, 2020, 58 North Main Street;
(14) Clarkston Historic District Memorandum of Administrative Approval dated November 5, 2021, 58 North Main Street;
(15) Clarkston Historic District Memorandum of Administrative Approval dated May 18, 2023, 58 North Main Street.