Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	60 Waldon Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-200455-016				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.732880.		Long: -83.416390		
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 1952
Architectural Style	Ranch
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Side Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Aluminum; Brick, Vinyl
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Vinyl
Window Type	Casement
Outbuildings	Yes ☒ No ☐
Number/Type:	1/Shed

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 Significance and Location					
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	Kessler, Michael					
Historic/Original Owner	Unknown					
Historic Building Use	Single Family					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	July 20, 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.



(north elevation)

The ranch style house on the south side of Waldon Road backs up onto the Clinton River. The property slants downward toward the river creating a walkout basement and first floor deck on the south elevation. The basement level has casement windows at the west end, heading east along the basement level is an entrance (hidden by the tree in the photo) and glass sliding doors in the middle underneath the first-floor deck.



(south elevation – photo from Realtor.com website)

Steps on the east end of the deck lead from the lawn to the first floor. There is a balustrade railing along both sides of the steps with a balustrade on three sides of the deck.



(south elevation photo from Realtor.com

A large brick chimney is visible from the south elevation.

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(south elevation photo from Realtor.com website)

On the south elevation first floor west end is a picture window with a casement window on each side and a duplicate set of windows on the first floor at the east end of the deck balustrade. Inside the deck on the first floor is a door length window at the west end of the double glass siding doors. The east end of the first floor inside the deck is brick siding.



(east elevation)

On the basement level of the east elevation is a pair of wide doors each with a half circle fan window with five lights at the top. On each side of these doors is an opening that is enclosed (perhaps this was a garage?) On the north end of the basement level is a casement window. On the first floor is a small casement window with shutters on the south end and a similar but larger window on the north end. Both of these are set high on the wall under the eaves.



((west elevation)

The west elevation on the first floor has two casement windows set high under the eaves.



(north elevation)



(north elevation)

Starting at the east end of the north (front) elevation is a pair of casement windows at the corner and then a picture window with a casement window on each side. Continuing west along the north elevation is an entrance with a wrought iron railing on the east side of three cement steps to the landing. On the west side of the entrance is a pair of small casement windows with shutters; continuing west along the north elevation is a picture window with a casement window on each side. Next along the north elevation is an inset with a cement landing and two steps with a painted wrought iron balustrade on the west side of the steps from the front walkway to the entrance. The door is in the east corner of the inset with a pair of casement windows and shutters on the west side of the entrance and inside the inset. Outside the inset on the north elevation is a pair of casement windows with shutters.

Across the north elevation the lower two thirds of the siding is brick with some fieldstone below the casement windows next to the picture window. The low-pitched roof with a wide overhang and no dormers is visible from the north elevation.

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.

In 1860 Waldon Road was known as Sashabaw Street. At that time, this property was owned by L. Jacox. The oldest deed that could be located in Oakland County records was 1944 with Thomson and Maud Miller as the owners.

In 2002, the aluminum windows in this ranch style house were replaced with vinyl windows. The structure is the last house on the south side of Waldon Road inside the Clarkston Historic District. The structure displays the sprawling design in the 1950s of a house on wider lots to maximize the façade width.

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.

Henry Ford established a factory to support World War II and create a waterpower source to operate the facility on West Washington Street. Mr. Ford had plans to add the Village of Clarkston to his Village Industries program. In the 1950s the West Washington location became the Hawk Tool Manufacturing and Engineering Company. The company focused on tool and die making for the auto industry and manufacturing for the military. The Hawke family became interested in Pony cycles that were heavily used by the Airforce.

The house is an excellent example of the ranch style homes built in the 1950s to support the community post-war need for housing. The house has had few identifiable changes made and has a front elevation appearance very similar to the original. It possesses integrity in several aspects, particularly design, location, materials and setting. It deserves to be included as a contributing resource in the Clarkston Historic District.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) Photos of south elevation from Realtor.com website;
(2) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated March 21, 2002 for 60 Waldon Road;
(3) Research from Oakland County completed by Carolyne Barnhart;
(4) 1860 Map of the Village of Clarkston.