Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	61 East Church Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-452-021				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.736160		Long: -83.415910		
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. 1900s
Architectural Style	Other
Building Form	Irregular
Roof Form	Side Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingle
Exterior Wall Materials	Wood Clapboard
Foundation Materials	Cement Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes ☒ No ☐
Number/Type:	Shed (1)

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 Location within the Community						
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	Ross Anthony DiFalco						
Historic/Original Owner	Unknown						
Historic Building Use	Single Family						
Current Building Use	Single Family						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	May 1, 2022	Recorded By	Carole Sawyer	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 north side of East Church Street.



(south elevation)

This single-story ranch style house features a side gable roof with no dormers and a louvered vent in the gable peak. The south (front) elevation of the house features a large, covered wood porch on the west end (three-fourths the width of the south elevation) underneath the main roofline with four large square columns and a surrounding balustrade. A single door entry and one double-hung (two over two) window are within the east end of the porch section. To the east of the front door is a pair of two over two double-hung windows. One double-hung one over one window is at the east end of the south elevation near the southeast corner.



(west elevation)

The west elevation features two one over one double-hung windows near the center with window boxes . A large brick chimney is visible on the north elevation.



(west elevation)

The west elevation to the rear (north) of the house features a patio with a set of French doors (ten panes each, two by five). On the north side of the west elevation there is a one over one double hung window.



(north elevation)

The rear (north elevation) of the structure features one entry door with a rectangular sliding window to the west of the door. Two one over one double-hung windows (windows of different sizes) are on the west end of the north elevation. The smaller of the two is east of the larger and is set higher on the wall. There is a louvered gable vent under the roofline.



(east elevation)

The south end of the east elevation features a pair of two one over one double hung windows and a louvered gable vent. The north end of the east elevation features two slide-style windows at different levels. The larger is just off

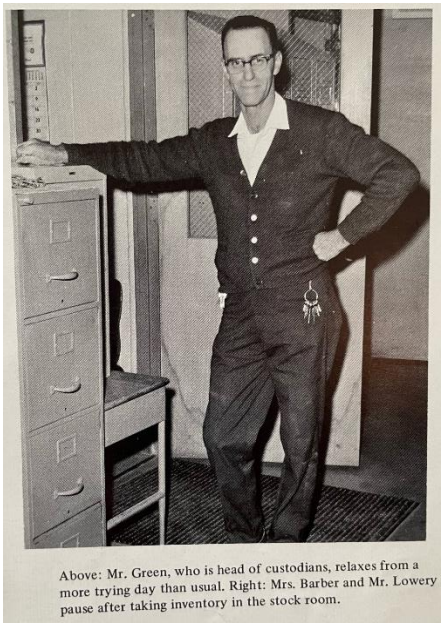
center of the gable peak and features more vertical light. The smaller, near the northeast corner, is set lower on the wall and has more horizontal light. The north section of the house appears to be an addition. No details are available as to when this addition was added.

The east elevation clearly shows that the house is built into a slight hillside, with this southeast corner showing a significant amount of exposed poured concrete foundation.

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.

Not much is known about this single-story ranch house. Construction date is thought to be circa 1900. It was renovated in 1959. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green and family lived in the house in the 1960s/70s.



Above: Mr. Green, who is head of custodians, relaxes from a more trying day than usual. Right: Mrs. Barber and Mr. Lowery pause after taking inventory in the stock room.

Steven and Janet Sitar owned the property when the original certification of the Clarkston Historic District was completed in 1980. Steve was a Pontiac Police Sargent and served as the Chairman of the Clarkston Historic District as of September 1988 and as a member of the Clarkston Planning commission beginning November 1987.



(west south elevation 1989)



(east elevation – 1989)



(southwest elevation 1989)

Linda Elaine Robertson (2/1/46 – 7/23/18) owned the house for many years and upon her passing the family sold the home to Ross Anthony DiFalco. Linda was a long-time member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church and a volunteer with the Colonel Potter Cairn Rescue Network.

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.

This structure appears to retain its original design with an addition on the north elevation without destroying the original portion of the house. 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) Old photos from Cara Cattalo;
(2) *Clarkston News 2018 August 1* article "Obituaries Linda Elaine Robertson 72" by Phil Custodio;
(3) *Clarkston News 1985 May 17* article "City police chief interviews begin" by Eileen Oxley;
(4) *Clarkston News 1988 Sept 21* article "Be prepared before emergency strikes" by Julie Campe;
(5) *Clarkston News 1987 Nov 4* article "New member".