Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	61 South Holcomb Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-381-003				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.734120	Long: -83.422570			
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 1880
Architectural Style	Queen Anne
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Front Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Lapped siding
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone (?)
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes ☒ No ☐
Number/Type:	3/Garage, Swimming Pool, Gazebo

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 Architect and Support of 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	Moore, Christopher A. and Lianne Elizabeth						
Historic/Original Owner	Vliet, Jerome						
Historic Building Use	Single Family						
Current Building Use	Single Family						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	January 23, 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 is a two-story dominant front gable late Victorian vernacular house with a wraparound Queen Anne style porch probably added in the early twentieth century. The house sits at a significant elevation above street level, separated by a fieldstone retaining wall.

The front (east elevation) wraparound porch has a rusticated concrete block foundation often used in early twentieth century (c 1910) and may have replaced a deteriorated earlier porch. There are seven steps approaching the porch with side rails on each side supported by the same concrete block. The foundation continues to form a knee wall on the porch proper. The porch roof is supported by nine square posts with Queen Anne style trim including ornate roof brackets. These posts extend from the knee wall to the roof. The porch roof has a front gable with fish scale shingles.



(east elevation)

The first-floor front (east) elevation has three large side by side, vertically oriented one over one double hung windows, the center slightly wider than the laterals. There are matching doors on each side of the wraparound porch that provide entry to the older (north/right) and newer (south/left) sides of the house. The second-floor front gable has two side by side double hung, one over one, windows. All of the windows seen from the street (east, northeast, and southeast) have flat window hoods with multicolored ornate trim. This is basically the older parts of the house.


(east elevation – front gable)

The north elevation is divided into two sections: apparently original construction (easterly) and a rear (westerly) addition from the 1990s. There are two side gables: one in the original, just west of the porch and one in the newer construction. Where these two sections are joined, there is a chimney that along with accompanying fireplace, was added by previous owners, the Harltons, in the 1980s. On the first floor of the older section, there is a one over one double hung window on the porch and two separate one over one double hung windows under the side gable. On the second floor, there is a single pane window above the porch and two, paired together one over one windows under the side gable.

The newer section of the north elevation, first floor opens onto the porch on the west end. There are two single pane square windows side by side, under the roof overhang. On the second level, directly above the steep pitched porch roof there are two side by side vertically oriented, single pane rectangular windows over which there is semicircular trim. In the gable peak of these, there is a king's post decorative truss (reminiscent of the Stick style) that contains a gable vent. Against the right (westerly) one of the paired windows is a small, single pane square window. There is another identical window on the north elevation of the gabled dormer over the back porch.



(north elevation)



(north elevation east end)


(north elevation west portion)

The west (rear) elevation consists of the large two-story addition constructed in the early 1990s. Much of this is a porch across the entire west elevation that wraps around on the south end connecting to the south addition. The porch is approached by two steps. There are five pairs of classical columns with a pair at the southwest terminus, at each corner and two pairs regularly spaced between the corners. On the first floor, there are four nearly identical entry doors, each with 15 panes, three across and five down. Two at the near north end are paired (French doors) with one at the south end of this 1990s addition and one under the south end wrap around that enters the south addition. This door is hooded similar to previously mentioned windows. The second level features a dormer, most of the (west) face of which is encompassed by elliptical wood trim that is interrupted on each side by a small square single pane window identical to the one previously mentioned on the north elevation of the dormer. In between these small square windows are four side by-side square windows, each of which consists of 16 glass blocks (four by four). Above these within the upper portion of the semicircle are two irregular shaped windows that fill the elliptical space on each side of a separating wood trim. At the dormer peak there is another king's post decorative truss harboring a gable vent.



(west elevation – back of house)



(west elevation – second level)

The south elevation shows a double gabled one floor addition that was added in the 1980s, to which the 1990s west elevation was joined, noticeable at the wraparound porch. There are two square separate windows on the south

facing rear elevation under the porch roof. On the south addition (west end) there is a small, square window under the roof overhang with ornate hood as previous described. At the east end, there is a canted bay with a one over one double hung window on each of the three sides. The two gables are unequal in size, with the westerly one being larger. Both gables have fish scale shingles. On the east end of the south addition is another window with a flat hood with multicolored ornate trim.



(southeast elevation)



(southwest elevation)

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 1872 map of the Village of Clarkston shows no footprint of a building with the property belonging to Oscar Bump (one of Clarkston's first doctors) who at the time lived at 49 South Holcomb (the next house north). In the late 1870s the property belonged to Jacob Petty who was married to Emily D (Emma) Yager. The Yager family came to Clarkston in 1854 and served as one of Clarkston's early blacksmith families.

The home was built for Jerome Vliet (1849 – 1932) c 1880 who married and lived in Clarkston most of his life. He was a stone mason and built the foundations of many of the village structures for example: 15 South Main and 21 South Main. While living in the village he was supervisor and treasurer of Independence Township. He was also a member of the Clarkston City Council for many years.

By 1917 George Elliot (1876 – 1962) owned the property and resided in Clarkston for over 50 years. Mr. Elliot was a self-employed carpenter working throughout the community. He was a member of the First Methodist Church, a life member of Cedar Lodge No. 60 F. & A.M., and the Clarkston Pioneer Club. Mrs. George Elliot (Victoria) was the daughter of James and Elizabeth Carran who owned the house at 11 North Main Street until it was demolished in c 1960s when some real estate developers wanted to expand the village. Victoria's two sisters and mother lived in the house as well.



(photo from Clarkston Community Historical Society – c 1977)



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Harold and Shirley Altman lived in the house in the 1970s. He was born in Flint and married Shirley Terry and worked for his father-in-law in Terry's Market on Main Street. Harold was the Independence Township Clerk starting in 1961. Then in 1971 accepted the position of County Clerk Register of Deeds to begin work January 1, 1972.

While Bruce and Kathryn Harlton owned the house in the 1980s, they added the south addition and the fireplace and chimney. On occasion while completing the addition, the Harltons found old horseshoes on their property. An old livery stable and carriage step adjoined the property.



(east elevation – 1989)



(southeast elevation – 1989)

By the end of the 1990s the Roschek family owned the property.

A large two car garage was constructed in 1985 on the site at the west end of the property where a barn and chicken coop once stood.

Dave and Teri Guelde owned the property in 1999. The Gueldes renovated the garage on the west side of the property. A dormer was added to the second story, wooden double hung windows were installed, the plywood siding was replaced with lapped cedar siding, and new doors were installed.

Paul Travis owned the house in 2012 extended the living room with a 7-by-12-foot addition to the northwest corner expanding what was thought to be a 1990s addition. The addition had wood lap cedar siding to match the existing siding. The existing exterior window was used on the new exterior wall after the wall was bumped out.

Then in 2014 the house was sold to the current owners, Chris and Lianne Moore, both DO physicians in emergency medicine. In 2021, the Moore family installed a fence to the north side of the house and a retaining wall.



(east elevation – date unknown)



(north elevation – date unknown)

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>.

The property was originally part of the tract registered to Butler Holcomb with the federal government in 1831. Overall, the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. Changes and additions an be distinguished from the original structure.

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) Photos from the Clarkston Community Historical Society;
(3) Clarkston Village map of 1872;
(4) *Clarkston News 1932 August 19* article "James Vliet Dies at Age of Eight-three";
(5) *Clarkston News 1962 November 1* article "George Elliot Following Long Illness Rites Held Last Week";
(6) *Clarkston News 1962 July 19* article "Obituaries Frances Carran";
(7) *Clarkston News 1944 June 11 advertisement "CALL GEORGE";*
(8) *Clarkston News 1970 April 16* article "Altman announces candidacy";
(9) *Clarkston News 1971 April 1* article "Trustee letter stirs clerk to comment" by Jim Sherman;
(10) *Clarkston News 1971 November 18* article "Altman accepts County post";
(11) Home Tour Clarkston *Scamp Silver Anniversary Edition 1983-2007;*
(12) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated March 25,1999 for 61 South Holcomb Street;
(13) Clarkston Historic District Notice to Proceed dated November 8, 2021 for 61 South Holcomb Street;

(14) Some of the old photos from Cara Catallo and Clarkston Community Historical Society;
(15) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated September 27, 2021 for 61 South Holcomb;
(16) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated July 31, 2021 for 61 South Holcomb;
(17) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated January 10, 2012 for 61 South Holcomb.