Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	64 South Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-453-020				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.733810		Long: -83.418790		
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 1915
Architectural Style	Vernacular/Commercial
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Flat
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Fieldstone & Wood Siding
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone
Window Materials	Steel Frame
Window Type	Picture; Sliding
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	Architecture Uniqueness and Community Support
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	Vulcan Building
Current/Common Name	None
Historic/Original Owner	Clark, Edwin and Lee
Historic Building Use	Manufacturing, Retail
Current Building Use	Accessory Building to Neighboring Restaurant
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown
Builder/Contractor	Unknown

Survey Date	October 8, 2022	Recorded By	Cara Catallo; 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 vernacular structure sits on the southeast corner of South Main Street and Waldon Road; it is the last structure in the Clarkston Historic District on the east side of South Main Street. The building has several additions, not all of which can be documented as to builder or time. A portion, not evident from the main section on Main Street is built into the hillside.



(northwest elevation)

The north elevation has three pairs of double siding windows evenly spaced in the two-thirds portion of the west end. Each pair has a simple wood trim. Heating and air conditioning equipment on visible on the flat roof. The entrance to the building is in the northwest corner. A low-pitched roof inside the building roof has a front gable creating a porch entrance with five wooden steps with a railing on the south side leading from the driveway.



(northwest entrance)

The railing was removed with the porch landing having an enclosed canted bay on each side leading to a set of double glass doors as an entrance to the structure.



(northwest elevation corner)



(west elevation)

The west elevation at the north end starts with the canted bay that is part of the bay at the northwest entrance. The remaining west elevation has an additional four canted bays enclosed with fieldstone siding between the windows. Each bay is set under the eave of the structure. There are four simple rectangular wood columns supporting the roof eave on the west elevation.



(west elevation)

In the middle of the four canted bays on the west elevation is a solid wooden door with an outside screen door.



(southwest elevation)



(south elevation)

The west end of the south elevation has two canted bays, each with an asphalt shingled hipped roof directly underneath the roof eave. The three sides of the bay are single glass panes with the bottom portion of each bay horizontal wood siding. The remainder of the south elevation is built into a hillside with a fieldstone base. At the parking lot level on the north elevation the south elevation portion of the building is horizontal wood siding with two small exhaust flues appearing above the roofline. Before this level and to the east and connecting to the fieldstone base is a small extension to the south with a low-pitched metal roof with two large exhaust flues and vertical wood siding. Six steps with a wood railing on the east side lead from the driveway loading dock to a metal door.



(south elevation – east end)


(east elevation)

The east elevation of the building below the driveway level is vertical wood siding. The east elevation of the building at the parking lot level is L-shaped. The long side is on the south with a low-pitched roof and gable with three pairs of sliding windows within the vertical wood siding. On the north side of this long side is another pair of siding windows. The north elevation of the short side of the L-shape is horizontal wood siding with four wooden steps to an entrance. This portion of the building sits on several small wooden posts about a foot off the ground. A portion of the roofline of this section of the east elevation has a lower roofline.

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 1872 map of the Village oc Clarkston indicates a building at 64 South Main Street. The owner at the time was Alexander Young. Construction of this building likely happened c. 1905, but most assuredly stood by 1915 when Edwin M. Clark and his son, Lee built the fieldstone building that stands today. The Clarks moved the wood house on the site owned by Alex Young (jeweler and watchmaker) to the back of the block with the front of the house facing Waldon Road. Edwin Clark started Phoenix Ironworks in Detroit and moved the business to Clarkston 64 South Main Street changing the name to Vulcan Art Metal Works, a wrought iron manufacturing plant specializing in widow's walks. Edwin Clark (1856-1934) and his son, Lee Clark (1881-1975) were descendants of Clarkston's founders. Notable work by Vulcan includes nearby Lakeview Cemetery's metal gates in the 1920s. Edwin Clark for many years served on the Clarkston Board of Education and was a member of the Royal Arcanum. Lee Clark began the weekly newspaper, The Community News in the 1920s and printed Clarkston's first postcards, Lee served as Treasurer of the Clarkston Board of Education from 1918 until 1920 and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Around 1934, another business purchased the building, supposedly making torpedo head shells for the U.S. Navy, before Infra Corp. located there in 1939 or 1940. Infra's work included producing lights for the Willow Run Bomber Plant, as well as manufacturing stainless steel restaurant equipment. The front part of the building also became a GE appliance store for some time.

Infra sold the building in 1962. It later became home to Savoie Insulation, and then Bob's Hardware, before the owners Floyd and Joan Kopietz purchased the building in 1983. At the time 64 South Main Street housed two businesses: Tierra Fine Jewelers and Tierra Arts and Designs. In 2009, Floyd and Joan replaced the rotten wood and applied textured lap siding to the north elevation. In the 1990s the existing window openings were altered into bay windows on the west and south elevations to increase the window display area.



(1989 southeast elevation)



(1990 north elevation)



(1990 southwest elevation)

In 2013, the Sharron Catallo Trust purchased the building. Then in 2015, numerous changes were approved by the Clarkston Historic District to the building:

- Glu-lam timber for new roof and new posts for the loading dock on the south elevation;
- Repair existing fieldstone;
- Add new railing to existing platform on south elevation;
- Add four-inch fiber cement lap siding on the south and west elevations;
- Change residential-style door to a commercial door on the south elevation;
- Addition of flue for smoker and new exhaust fan for smoke, originating from platform;
- Addition of smokers on existing platform.

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 structure is significant for a multitude of reasons, most notably its relationship to descendants of Clarkston's founders; its site of early industry – Vulcan Metal Art Metal Works; its fieldstone craftsmanship, which is a prominent material in the village; and for being a likely location that contributed to the World War II war effort.

The structure has had several changes and additions, each of which cannot be easily documented, but it retains its historic value and deserves continue to be a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. The building maintains integrity in the aspects of location, workmanship, materials, design, and association.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) 1872 Map of the Village of Clarkston;
(2) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated November 3, 2009, for 64 South Main Street;
(3) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated September 15, 2015 for 64 South Main Street;
(4) Clarkston News 1968 January 25 article “Another Day – Lee Clark-Pioneer descendant” by Constance Lektzian:
(5) Clarkston News 1975 December 11 article “Obituary Lee M. Clark”;
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(7) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(8) *Clarkston News 2016 March 3* article “ Kopietz enjoys 30 years in business” by Kyle Gargaro;
(9) *Clarkston News 1986 March 5* article “Variety is the spice of business at Tierra”;
(10) *Clarkston News 2012 October 3* article “Kopietz’s celebrate 39 years making Clarkston sparkle” by Mary Keck;
(11) Clarkston News 2001 September 5 article “Local artists showcase work” by Jennifer Nemier;
(12) Old photos from Cara Catallo.