Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	7 East Washington Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-402-033				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.736180	Long: -83.418490			
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 1845	
Architectural Style	Greek Revival	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Side Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Wood Clapboard	
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone	
Window Materials	Wood	
Window Type	Double Hung	
Outbuildings	Yes ☒	No ☐
Number/Type:	1-Garage 2-Barn	

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					
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	McConnell, Judith Anne Trustee					
Historic/Original Owner	Davis, Arthur					
Historic Building Use	Single Family					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	December 8, 2022/ March 2, 2023	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 Greek Revival house sits on the north side of East Washington Street. The south elevation has a full width porch with a hipped roof attaching to the south elevation of the house just below the original house roofline. The porch has six spindle columns with a balustrade across the front and east end with the opening on the west end. Two steps lead from the driveway to the cement porch floor.



(south elevation)

The entrance to the house from the porch on the south elevation is on the east end through a wood door with three by five window panes. The door is encased in a simple wide wooden door frame with embellishment across the top that includes the house number (7). To the west of the entrance are three evenly spaced six over six double hung windows.



(south elevation)



(west elevation)

The side gable on the west elevation has a broken pediment with wide wood trim. The west elevation on the second floor has two six over six double hung windows partially in the gable and two similar windows directly below on the first floor. At the north end of the west elevation is a bump out with a hipped roof and two wooden steps from the sidewalk/driveway leading to an entrance. The wood door has three by three glass panes in the top one-half.



(east elevation)

The east elevation on the second floor has a side gable with a vent at the north end and a wide wood frieze board. There is a six over six double hung window partially in the gable and a similar window just north of the middle on the first floor. There is a large brick chimney at the north end of the east elevation; partially visible is an addition on the north elevation.



(north elevation)

The west end of the north elevation there is a pair of large glass sliding windows under a wide overhanging shed type roofline. On the east end of this addition is another pair of large sliding windows with an entrance at the intersection of the addition with the two-story section of the house.



(north elevation)

The north elevation of the two-story structure has a louvered vent in the gable peak with a pair of three over two double hung windows. On the first floor toward the intersection with the addition is a pair of casement windows with two by three panes. On the east end of the first floor as the roofline slants downward is a pair of glass siding doors. This entire section of the north elevation has a wooden deck with a simple wood balustrade.



(north elevation)

Six wooden steps with a railing on the east side lead from the deck to the back yard with an entrance into the barn.


(barn – northwest corner of the property)

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.

Built c 1845, the front story and a half section of 7 E. Washington is likely one of the earliest structures to remain in Clarkston. Due to their proximity to the oldest commercial buildings, these homes housed the village's early merchants and probably acted as additional spaces to warehouse goods and work in at least part of the building, as well as acting as the shopkeeper's residence.

The tax records of 1846 listed Arthur Davis, one of Clarkston's earliest residents, as owner. Mr. Davis had the first iron foundry in the village, served as the county sheriff, was the first Town Clerk, served as Justice of the Piece. A year later, Warren N. Briggs was the house site's owner, with an assessed value certainly high enough to suggest a building. John T. Bird (1831-1907) purchased this house when he returned to Clarkston in 1903 after serving as a physician at the 'Ionia Reformatory.'

Originally the house did not have a front porch and consisted of four rooms downstairs with a front door in the center of the south elevation.

Richard Campbell owned the structure at the time the Clarkston Historic District was certified in 1980. In the early 1980s, the house was gutted and remodeled; a new basement was dug along with a two-story addition at the rear (north elevation) of the house. The renovations also relocated the front door to the driveway side from its original

location centered between two pairs of windows on the street-facing facade. The front porch turned porch posts and spindles were added in the 1980s.

In 1985, the owner Mrs. Hite built an unattached garage on the west elevation of the house.



(1989 southwest elevations)



(1989 south east elevations)

The current owner, Judith McConnell, was a literature teacher at Andover High School in Birmingham. Michigan. Her passion is herbs and has a spectacular garden. For many years, Judy sold her herbs, ornamental herbal wreaths, etc. at the annual Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly and through her business Wenchwork, LTD. The old barn on the north section of her property served as the location for drying the herbs, potpourri, sachets, lavender bags, moth bags, etc.

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 Greek Revival has had some changes and additions, but it still retains its character as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) Home Tour Clarkston Scamp Silver Anniversary Edition 1983-2007;

(2) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991-2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(3) *Clarkston News 1995 September 27 article "Somewhere in 'thyme'" written by Eileen Oxley;*
(4) Old photos from Cara Catallo and Cory Johnston;
(5) The Village of Clarkston 1872 map.