# Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

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| Street Address | 77 East Washington Street | | | | |
| City/Township, State, Zip Code | Clarkston, Michigan 48346 | | | | |
| County | Oakland | | | | |
| Assessor's Parcel # | 14-08-20-403-009 | | | | |
| Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point) | Lat: 42.736490 | Long: -83.415460 | | | |
| Ownership | Private ☒ | Public-Local ☐ | Public-State ☐ | Public-Federal ☐ | Multiple ☐ |

**Property Type**

*(Insert primary photograph below.)*

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| Building ☒ select sub-type below<br>Commercial ☐<br>Residential ☒<br>Industrial ☐<br>Other ☐ | Structure ☐<br>Object ☐ |



**Architectural Information**

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| Construction Date | c 1950 | |
| Architectural Style | Ranch | |
| Building Form | Rectangular | |
| Roof Form | Cross-Gable | |
| Roof Materials | Asphalt Shingles | |
| Exterior Wall Materials | Brick/Aluminum Sidling | |
| Foundation Materials | Cement Block | |
| Window Materials | Aluminum | |
| Window Type | Sliding/Not Open | |
| Outbuildings | Yes ☐ | No ☒ |
| Number/Type: | | |

**Eligibility**

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| 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 ☐ | | | | |

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| Area(s) of Significance | Domestic Architecture | | | | | |
| 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 | Forbes, Ronald and Elena | | | | | |
| Historic/Original Owner | Unknown | | | | | |
| Historic Building Use | Single Family | | | | | |
| Current Building Use | Single Family | | | | | |
| Architect/Engineer/Designer | Unknown | | | | | |
| Builder/Contractor | Unknown | | | | | |

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| Survey Date | December 8, 2021 | Recorded By | Nancy Moon | Agency Report # | |

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| 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 back a distance from the street on the north side of East Washington Street and overlooks Parke Lake from the north elevation. The house has a long roof line running parallel to East Washington Street with a front facade (south elevation) and a front gable extension on each end. There is an expansive front yard on the south with several trees separating the house from East Washington Street.



(south elevation)

The front gable extension on the west end is a two-car garage with two double hung windows (four over four) on the south elevation with black shutters and awning.




(west elevation – garage)



(west end extension of south elevation – garage)

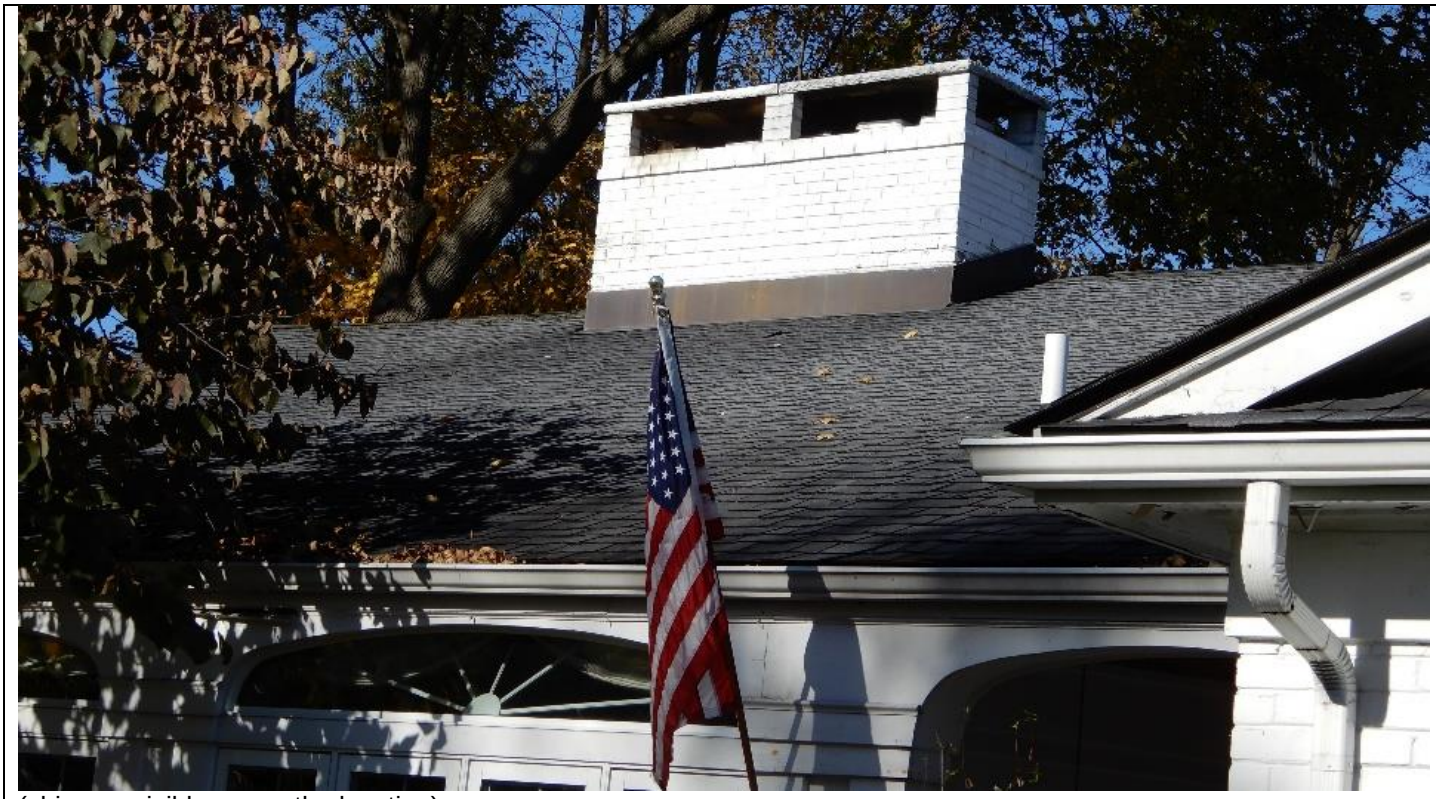
In between the two extensions on the west end next to the garage is a ribbon of four tall vertical windows (2 by 4 that do not open) underneath the wide roof overhang. This section of the house is a slight bump out with a roof line slightly below the main side gable roof.

A double wide brick chimney is visible in the middle of the main side-gable roof.



(south elevation – next to the garage on the west end)

Hidden behind a large evergreen bush is a double hung window (four over four) with shutters.


(chimney visible on south elevation)

Continuing east along the south elevation are two pairs of four ribbon windows (that do not open) that are two by six panes with a fan window (with three strips creating four divisions) above each set.


(ribbon of windows along the south elevation)



(entrance on the south elevation)

At the end of the ribbon of windows is a recessed entrance sheltered by the overhang of the main roof. The wood door has a decorative glass insert in the top half; the underside of the entrance cove has a wooden ceiling.


(southeast elevation)

The east end front gable extension of the south elevation has two double hung windows (four over four) with black shutters and awning.

The east elevation appears to have at least two casement windows with a smaller fixed window atop both. There is an addition to the east elevation that is covered with greenery and unable to determine the details. However, above the main section of the house appears a small window with multi panes inside the top of the side gable.



(photo from real estate advertisement – north elevation)



(east end north elevation)



(long view down north elevation from the east end)

The addition on the east elevation has a double glass door (3 by 5) with a decorative pediment and pilasters to the sides on the north elevation.

The north elevation has a ground level (appears as the second story) and the walk-out level on the downhill sloping property.

The east end of the north elevation has a pair of casement windows that are two by three with a small horizontal two pane window above each along with shutters. Directly below is a glass double door (3 x 5) with a decorative pediment and pilasters to the sides. These details are repeated four times across the north elevation with six two-story square columns. The glass double doors (in the middle on the first level open to a brick patio and numerous steps down the hillside to the grass lawn and Parke Lake.



(north elevation)



(north elevation)

At the middle of the north elevation second story (ground level on the south elevation) is a gable roof dormer with a pair of casement windows (two by three) with black shutters and decorative fan wood trim over the windows and extending to the gable peak.

In the connecting single story section on the west end of the north elevation there are five ribbon windows (two by four). The garage has two double hung windows (four over four) on the north elevation with black shutters and awning.

**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 original house appears to have been a broad one-story low-pitched roof with a front entry located off-center sheltered under the main roof of the structure with an attached garage.

The addition (build out of the lower level) to the north elevation was completed in 1994 by the current owners Ronald and Elena Forbes. Ronald is a retired business owner. Elena is a prominent garden club member. The Forbes family purchased the property from Clyde Randall in 1987.

**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.*

The house began as a simple ranch style typical of many homes built in the post World War II era in response to the housing shortage. As Clarkston grew housing was needed for the new business of the area (Ford Motor Village Industries and Hawk Toll Manufacturing and Engineering). Over time the availability of land and the scenic location of Parke Lake led to additions of varying styles and designs. The property possesses integrity in at least location, design, workmanship, materials and setting. It is unique and standard property in this neighborhood and 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) Street files by address stored in the Village of Clarkston City Hall;
(2) Visit with Mr. Forbes as he worked in his garage;
(3) *Clarkston News 2004, July 28 article* "Farm and Garden Club thanks all for help";
(4) *Clarkston News 1970, June 18 article* "Around the Town" by Doje.