Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	80 East Washington Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 49346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-80-20-452-008				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.735770	Long: -83.415480			
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 1900	
Architectural Style	Shingle	
Building Form	Irregular	
Roof Form	Gambrel	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Cedar Shingles	
Foundation Materials	Block and Fieldstone	
Window Materials	Vinyl & Aluminum-Clad	
Window Type	Double Hung; Fixed	
Outbuildings	Yes ☒	No ☐
Number/Type:	2/Swimming Pool and Pool House	

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 Property Location						
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	Segers, Adam and Rebecca						
Historic/Original Owner	Vliet Family						
Historic Building Use	Two Family Residence						
Current Building Use	Single Family						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	March 3, 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 unique two-story structure sits at the east end of East Washington Street on the south side of the street with the east border of the property along a stream of the Clinton River. The second floor on the north elevation is incorporated into the steeper, lower slope of the gambrel roof. In the second floor of the north elevation there is a single casement window with dark colored shutters at the east end and a grouping of three similar windows at the west end. The east side of the grouping has a dark colored shutter. In the middle of the second floor is a fixed arched window with twenty-eight panes of glass separated by metal mullions. All the windows on the second floor are directly below the wood trim of the roof.



(north elevation)

On the first floor of the north elevation at the east end is the intersection with the attached garage. Directly below the arched window is an entrance with a solid fiberglass door with a semicircular transom of stained, leaded glass including the number 80 inserted in the middle. Each side of the door has a set of three sidelites. To the west of the entrance is a grouping of three medium size, narrow casement windows with dark colored shutters directly below the similar windows on the second floor.

Brick and fieldstone create a landing with five brick columns/pillars along the brick landing with metal fencing between the four on the east. The entrance is at the west end between two additional brick columns at the bottom of the steps. Four of the columns on the landing have a cement globe finial.



(north elevation entrance)



(west end of the north elevation)

The west end of the north elevation has a two-level addition with a pair of same size one over one double hung windows on each level. Between the two levels of windows is a shingle siding with decorative white trim as a rectangle with a large X in the middle. The roof of the addition is flat or very low pitched and sits below the gambrel roof peak.



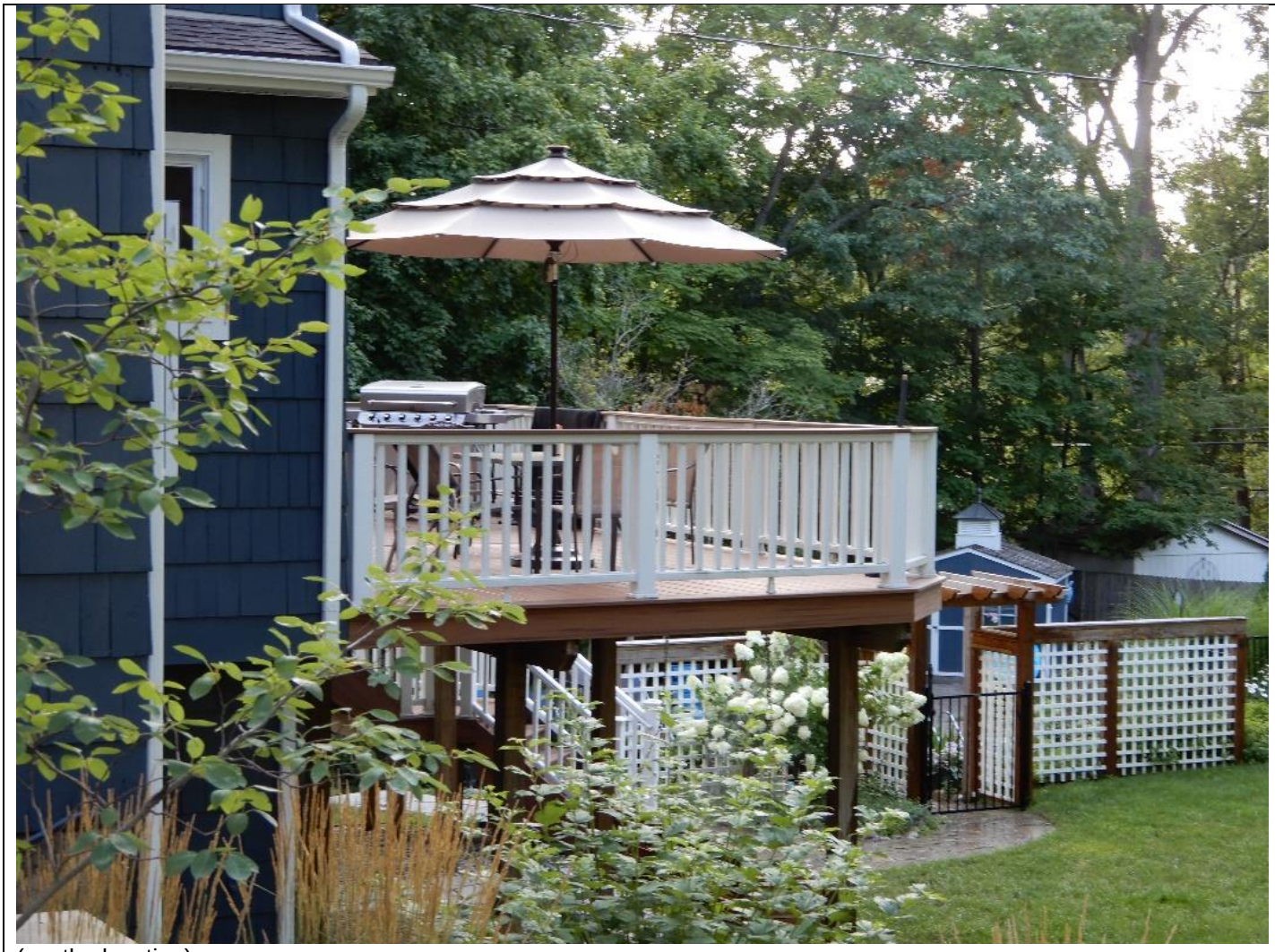
(west elevation)

The west elevation displays the two levels of the windows. Each level has two pairs of one over one double hung windows identical to the two window pairs on the north elevation. The same decorative siding exists between each vertically aligned set of two on the two levels. There is a tall brick chimney extending from the top of the flat roof of the addition and above the gambrel roof. In the peak of the gable on the west elevation is a large vertical grate gable vent. The addition has a fieldstone foundation.

On the original structure south of the west elevation addition, there are two sets of small vertically oriented rectangular light windows that are aligned vertically. The top set of six appear to be two sets of three casement windows. The first floor set appears to be five fixed panes.



(west elevation)



(south elevation)

The structure sits atop a hill side so the deck with a balustrade is attached to the second floor with columns supporting the deck and a staircase down to the ground level. The south elevation of the west side addition is identical to the north elevation.



(east elevation)

On the east elevation of the original house there is a vertical grate gable vent in the peak of the gable and three windows on the second floor. Hand railing is attached to the original southeast corner of the structure along with steps that lead to the south elevation yard and swimming pool. The east and north elevations of the garage each has one casement window.

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.

This land was part of the Nelson W. Clark's property. Mr. Clark left for Northville in 1873 at which time Ransom Johnson (1826-1894) assumed ownership. At the death of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Johnson, their daughter Jennie Johnson Vliet (1856-1930) inherited the property. The structure was originally a barn for the farmhouse next door. It was turned into a two-family residence. Jennie's son, Ransom (1888-1962) inherited the property. Ransom was a deputy on the Oakland County Dog Warden staff, a member of the of Cedar Lodge No. 60 F.& A.M., and a member of the First Methodist Church.

The property remained in the Vliet family for many generations. The home served as the home of two generations: Mrs. Milen (Mara) Vliet and her son William and his wife Ruth. The Vliet family was an integral part of the Village of Clarkston. Milen's parents, William VanBuskirk and Lydia Vliet, owned Vliet's-on-the-Hill (1880) halfway up Church Street overlooking Deer Lake. Later the location was renamed Green Acres Inn in 1926. The Inn became the summer home for many families in the community with husbands visiting their families on the weekend. William was the manager for many years and his wife, Ruth, served as the cook. Both passed away before his mother Mara in 1957. Mara served as the President of the Pioneer Club for many years.

In 2000 and 2001, the owner, David Savage, built the pool house and installed a fence around the pool.

Steven and Mary Himburg owned the property from 1972 thru 1980 (at the time the Village of Clarkston was certified as an historic district). When they purchased the house, it was a two-family residence which they remodeled into a single-family residence and added the garage in 1977. Steve helped open the Clarkston Vocational School in 1971 where he taught Marketing and Economics. In addition, he was a special education teacher at the Clarkston Junior High School from 1986 through 2017 while coaching the football team. Mary Himburg was a trustee of the Clarkston Independence District Library for many years plus is a local artist.



(northwest elevation – 1989)

In 2010, Mike Riddle, owner of the property, replaced the windows with broken seals and mis-matched windows not on the northwest elevations. The front entry door (north elevation), transom and sidelites were replaced with a six-panel fiberglass door and transoms each with three clear glass panes. The garage door (west elevation of the garage) at the intersection of the house and the garage was replaced with a six-panel fiberglass door. The garage door on the west elevation was replaced with an aluminum insulated door with clear glass panels across the top in a semicircle configuration. In the kitchen area (assume south elevation) a vinyl clad sliding door was installed.

Scott Reynolds and Alissa Paul purchased the home in 2015 and shortly thereafter replaced the deck flooring (south elevation), steps, and railing with Trex pressure-wood materials. In 2018, Reynolds replaced all non-original windows except the transom and sidelites around the door on the north elevation with Jeld-Wen Siteline EX aluminum clad windows in either casement, double hung, or horizontal sliding in keeping with the existing style and size. In 2019, Scott Reynolds replaced the two-car garage door with a door giving the appearance of two doors. Scott served as a councilman for the Village of Clarkston.


(2017 west elevation)

In 2020, Adam and Rebecca Segers purchased 80 East Washington Street and shortly thereafter they added decorative black aluminum fencing on the south side of the house where the swimming pool is located. The Segers replaced several windows and doors in 2022 as identified below:

- removal of one non-historic window on west elevation, replacement with clapboard (same as existing);
- addition of one window and one two-panel slider on the south elevation of the southernmost addition;
- addition of a glass panel door (replacing a two-panel slider) on the east elevation of the southernmost addition (entry onto the deck);
- canted bay on south elevation (kitchen) was removed, raised about six inches, and reset in place. There was no actual change in appearance;
- removal of a small, non-historic west elevation window on southernmost addition, replacement with larger window of the same type.

The date as to when the garage was added is 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>.

This is the only Shingle structure in the Clarkston Historic District. It retains many of its original features despite numerous modifications that have been made to the south elevation which cannot be seen from the street. The original owners, the Vliet family, had a strong influence on the community and supported the growth of the village. The structure continues to be a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District.

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) Old photos provided by Cara Catallo;
(3) *Clarkston News 1930 December 19 article "BELOVED WOMAN PASSED AWAY";*
(4) *Clarkston News 1962 December 6 article "Local Man Succumbs";*
(5) *Clarkston News 1950 October 12 article "Service Monday for Mrs. Ruth Vliet";*
(6) *Clarkston News 1951 May 17 article "William L. Vliet Dies Suddenly";*
(7) Images of America Clarkston Cara Catallo for the Clarkston Community Historical Society 2015;
(8) Heritage, Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1877 Edited by Jennifer L. Radcliff;
(9) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated April 15, 2010 for 80 East Washington Street;
(10) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated May 5, 2015 for 80 East Washington Street;
(11) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated June 12, 2018 for 80 East Washington Street;
(12) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated May 29, 2019 for 80 East Washington Street;
(13) Clarkston Historic District Memorandum of Administrative Approval dated December 7, 2020 for 80 East Washington Street;
(14) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated July 22, 2022 for 80 East Washington Street;
(15) Notes from a previous owner, Mary Himburg.