Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	80 ½ North Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland County				
Assessor's Parcel #	014-08-20-402-020				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)		Lat: 42.738190		Long: -83.418610	
Ownership	Private X	Public-Local ☐	Public-State ☐	Public-Federal ☐	Multiple ☐

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building ☒ select sub-type below Commercial ☐ Residential X Industrial ☐ Other ☐	Structure ☐ Object ☐



Architectural Information

Construction Date	c 1920	
Architectural Style	Other	
Building Form	Rectangular	
Roof Form	Side Gable	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles/Metal	
Exterior Wall Materials	Aluminum Siding	
Foundation Materials	Cement Block/Fieldstone	
Window Materials	Vinyl	
Window Type	Double Hung	
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	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 X	Altered ☐	Moved ☐	Date(s):			
Historic Name	Gord's House						
Current/Common Name	McGinn, Scott D. and Kathleen D. Huston						
Historic/Original Owner	Church, Gertrude						
Historic Building Use	Single Family						
Current Building Use	Single Family						
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown						
Builder/Contractor	Unknown						

Survey Date	December 15, 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.

The house sits near Parke Lake, behind the house at 80 North Main Street, at some distance from Main Street.

The west elevation (front) of the single-story house has a center entrance underneath a wide eave overhang. The front door has nine windowpanes (three by three) over a wood panel and is flanked by two tall glass sliding windows. On each side of the door toward north and south ends is a one over one double hung window with a dark shutter. This front portion of the house has a low-pitched metal roof. The remainder of the house has an asphalt shingled roof with a steeper pitch. A large decorative fieldstone chimney is viewed from the west elevation rising from near the center of the house.

The house sits on a small hill approached by four steps along a fieldstone walkway leading to the front door.



(west elevation)



(north elevation)

The north elevation has a door at the west end that enters the kitchen. It appears an addition was added toward the east with two double hung one-over-one windows. A second cement block chimney is visible apparently near the northeast corner.



(east elevation)

The east elevation overlooks Parke Lake at the bottom of the hill. The middle of the elevation has glass sliding doors with a small flat porch roof with two square columns and four cement steps leading to a brick patio. On each side of the doorway is a large picture window. Near each of the north and south ends of this elevation there is a one-over-one double hung window with dark colored shutters.


(south elevation)

The south elevation appears to have had a small bump out addition with three one-over-one windows, one facing west and the other two facing south. A bulkhead basement doorway leads to the basement of the house built into the hillside.

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>.

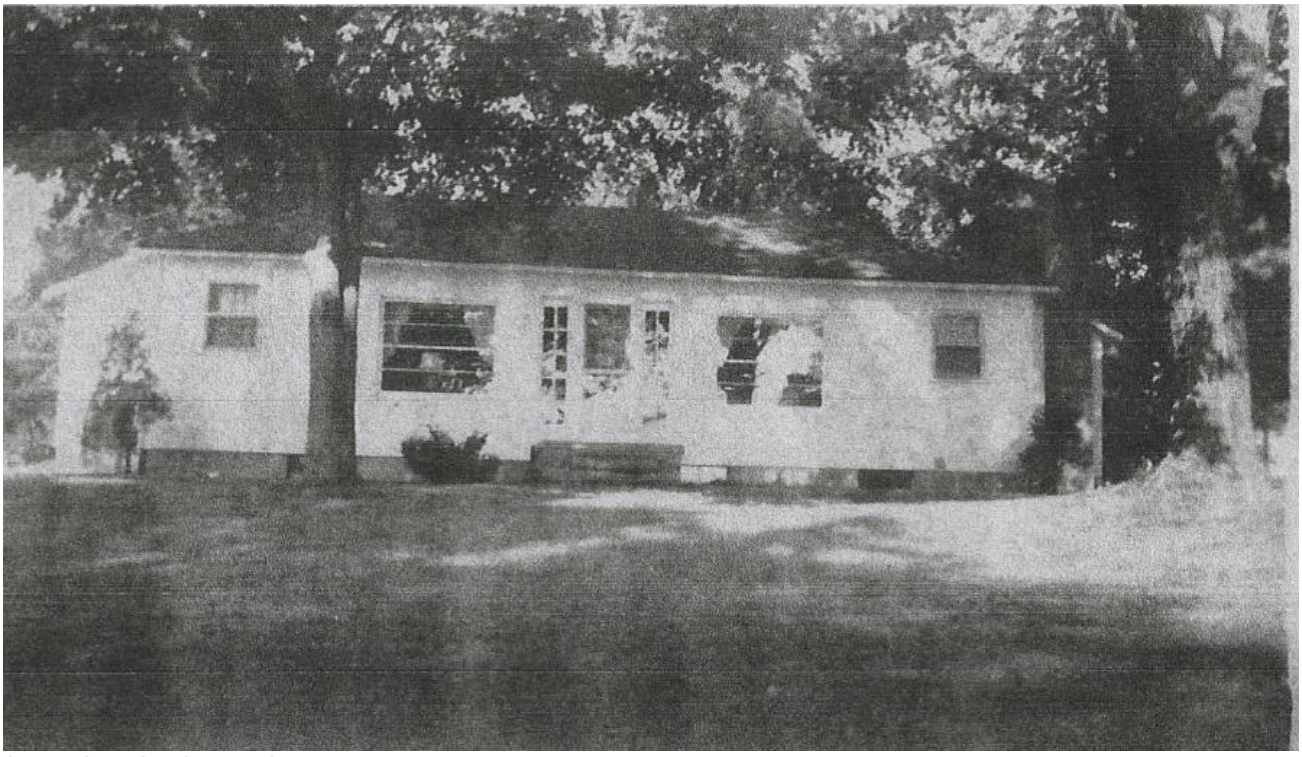
The historical maps of the Village of Clarkston (1908 and 1896) report owners of the property 80 North Main Street as Abram L. Craft (80 North Main) and then Charlie Sly with the property extending to Parke Lake (80 ½ North Main). In 1885 Professor Craft was appointed principal of Clarkston High School (it was built as a private academy by Nelson W. Cark) and for ten years he was county school examiner in Oakland County and then commissioner.

Property Transfer records indicate c 1914 the portion of the property next to the lake belonged to Gertrude Church. It is estimated the house was built in 1920. In 1963 Gordon Mosher purchased the property from Maynard Kizer (Kizer owned the property west of the house, 80 North Main Street, as of 1955).



(west elevation prior to 1963)

Mr. Mosher (1923 – 2011) lived in the house for 50 years. Gordon had worked at Ford Tractor for 30 years when he retired in 1981. While owning the house on the Parke Lake side, he installed glass sliding doors in place of a couple windows in the middle of the east elevation providing easier access for lake views.



(east elevation in 1963)



(west elevation in 1963)

The well was plugged in 1994.

Mr. Mosher's great nephew Bradley Rogers purchased the house in 2013. Brad installed a brick patio on the east elevation to better enjoy the wonderful lake view in summer.



Scott McGinn and Kathleen Huston purchased the house in November 2022.

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 Nelson Clark family holdings that platted the Village of Clarkston. Owners of the property were prominent manufacturers and merchants in the community and educators in Clarkston and Oakland County. The house is of unusual construction for the district but is typical of small bungalows of the early 20th century.

Overall, the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity im multiple aspects to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) Independence Township Tax Assessment books and Property Transfers for 1914;
(2) 1896 and 1908 maps of the Village of Clarkston;
(3) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
(4) Obituary for Gordon Mosher;
(5) Old Photos from Michael and Nancy Moon, owners of 80 North Main Street.