Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	9 Miller Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-181-006				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.740560	Long: -83.420230			
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	1925
Architectural Style	Cottage Bungalow
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Front Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Clapboard
Foundation Materials	Concrete Block
Window Materials	Wood
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes ☒ No ☐
Number/Type:	1 – Small Shed

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	Smotherman, Jennifer					
Historic/Original Owner	Jones, William and Bertha					
Historic Building Use	Single Family					
Current Building Use	Single Family					
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown					
Builder/Contractor	Unknown					

Survey Date	March 10, 2023	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 low-pitched front gable with wide overhang, one and a half story structure sits on the south side of Miller Road toward the east end of the street. There is a vent opening in the peak of the gable. A strip of dark colored trim has been added outlining the entire front gable. There is a pair of one over one double hung windows on the second floor of the north elevation inside the gable. There is a full-width porch across the front of the house with a low-pitched roof supported by eight square columns (three at each front corner and one on each side of the front porch entrance) attached to a clapboard knee wall. Five steps lead from the front walk to the porch landing. A wooden door with a large glass pane sits at the entrance to the house with a one over one double hung window on each side.



(north elevation)



(east elevation)

The east elevation has a shed dormer with unpainted clapboard siding and a pair of one over one double hung windows. On the first floor near the north end is a one over one double hung window and a pair of one over one double hung windows near the south end. There is an addition on the south elevation with a low-pitched roof visible from the east side of the house. The addition is covered in clapboard with a pair of glass doors (each with three by five glass panes) on the east elevation.



(west elevation)

The west elevation has a shed dormer similar to the one on the east elevation of the house. A brick chimney is visible above the dormer on the first floor. There is a one over one double hung window near the north end and a pair of small one over one double hung windows near the south end. On the north side of the pair of windows is a solid wood door entrance. The addition to the south elevation is visible but it does not appear to have any windows.

There are no photos of the south elevation of the house.

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 maps of the Village of Clarkston through 1906 show no footprint of a structure on the property at 9 Miller Road.

This craftsman's house sitting on the south side of Miller Road is part of the King-Wompole Plat. William (1854-1938) and Bertha Jones built the house after they retired from farming and moved to the village.

In 1937, the original owners, William and Bertha Jones held a fifty-wedding anniversary party at the house.

When the Village of Clarkston was certified as an historic district Joseph Sarvis (1909-2000) owned the structure.



(c 1989 northwest elevation)



(c 1989 northeast elevation)

By 2007, the house was owned by Scott Erskine and by 2018 the current owner, Jennifer Smotherman purchased the home.



(2017 northeast elevation)

In July 2020 the front porch (north elevation) was demolished and replaced with wood framing knee wall, and four inch square columns replaced in the original locations with the exception of the second column to the right of the entrance to the porch. Thus, changing from nine to eight support columns. In November 2020 Black Onyx shingles were added and new gutters were installed.



(2020 northwest elevation)


(2020 east elevation)

In November 2022, a privacy fence was added, and the front walk pavers were replaced. Between December 2022 and March 2023, a strip of trim was added outlining the front gable on the north elevation.

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 house has had many changes but still retains many characteristics of a Craftsman structure and continues to be a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

1) Clarkston Village maps of 1872 and 1908;
2) Clarkston Historic District Commission Certificate of Appropriateness dated August 14, 2020 for 9 Miller Road;
3) *Clarkston News 1938 February 25* article "Death Claims William Jones";
4) *Clarkston News 1937 December 31* article "Golden Wedding Anniversary Tuesday";
5) Old photos from Cara Cattalo;

6) *Clarkston News 1989 January 11* article “On A Snowy Day”;
7) Clarkston Historic District Commission Certificate of Appropriateness dated November 6, 2020 for 9 Miller Road;
8) Clarkston Historic District Commission Certificate of Appropriateness dated November 22, 2022 for 9 Miller Road;
9) *Clarkston News 2010 April 14* article “Spring means time for ice cream”;
10) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger.