Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location

Street Address	91 North Main Street				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-328-009				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6th decimal point)	Lat: 42.738610	Long: -83.419890			
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 1882	
Architectural Style	Italianate	
Building Form	Rectangular	
Roof Form	Mansard	
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles	
Exterior Wall Materials	Clapboard	
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone	
Window Materials	Wood	
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 ☒	Altered ☐	Moved ☐	Date(s):

Historic Name	None
Current/Common Name	Markwalder, James and Sandra
Historic/Original Owner	Howe, Hiram and Emma
Historic Building Use	Single Family
Current Building Use	Single Family
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown
Builder/Contractor	Unknown

Survey Date	11/21/2020	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 is two-story house possessing features of several architectural styles including Italianate, Gothic Revival, and Queen Anne Victorian having a low-pitched roof with a square tower centered on the front façade (east elevation) with a steep mansard roof (a feature of Second Empire style). The tower is characterized by wide, projecting cornices with typical Italianate brackets. The second floor of the tower has paired narrow rectangular double hung windows (one over one) with black shutters and arched, pedimented crowns. Also, on the second floor of the house proper, flanking the tower on each side is a large, narrow, one over one double hung window with black shutters.



(northeast elevation)



(east elevation)

The front (east elevation) has a one-story full width porch enclosing the entire first floor. There is a single balustrade along with six square pillars connected to the flat roof via a fan bracket. In the center of the tower the double wooden

front door has large multi-faceted leaded glass windows. Within the porch and on each side of the tower is a large narrow one over one double hung window with black shutters. These are aligned with those on the second floor, as is the door with the second-floor windows. Three wood steps lead from the front walkway to the porch landing.



(east elevation)

On the north elevation second floor there is an oriel window with two panel slide windows over an awning window all encased within an enclosed base and top. All other windows on the second level are tall narrow double hung windows (one over one) singles or in pairs with black shutters and a decorative bracketed and pedimented crown.

The first-floor north elevation has three double hung windows (one over one). The window on each end has a single shutter. They are aligned with the second-floor windows.



(south elevation)



(south elevation)

The first-floor south elevation (east end) has a box bay with a tall narrow window on each end (facing east and west) and three such windows in the middle facing south with decorative brackets on the top and bottom of the window frames. The first-floor south elevation (west end) has a one-story porch with four square pillars with fan brackets connecting to a flat roof. A single doorway flanked by two tall narrow windows are within the porch.

The driveway on the south side leads to the Clinton River Watershed Lower Mill Pond.

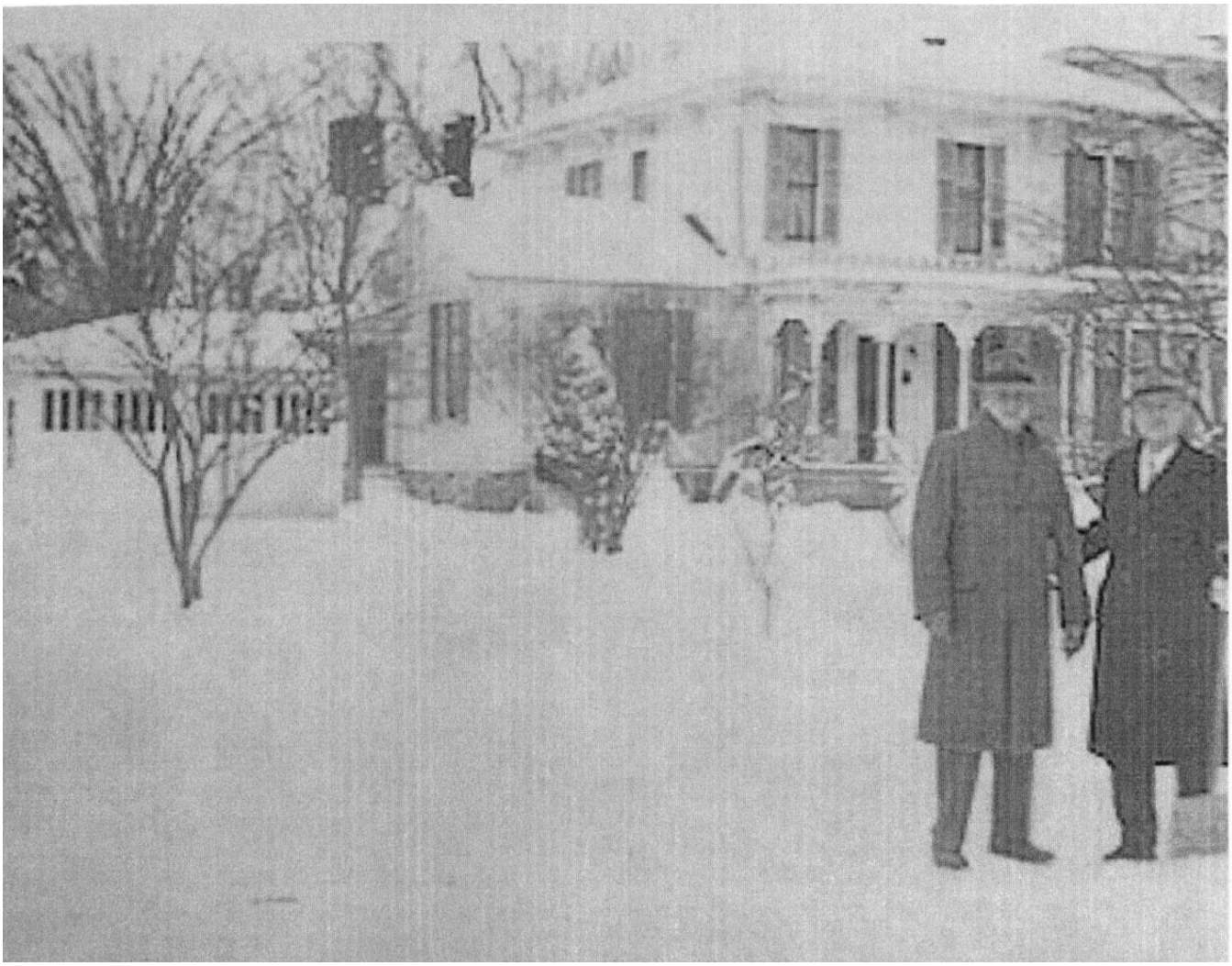
History of the Resource

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 house was originally built for Hiram and Emma Howe. Hiram (Henry) and his brother James were in the dry goods business and owners of the brick building at 5 South Main Street constructed in 1877/1878. The property was originally part of the Clarkston Mill property. The Howe brothers also did business in a wooden building on the northwest corner of South Main and Depot Road. Henry was president of the Union Cemetery for many years.

According to tax records Benjamin (8/18/1873 – 11/4/1946) and Leda Miller owned the structure in 1920's. The Millers converted the back woodshed and washroom into a kitchen and bath in 1927. They also installed front doors which were reportedly from the Elisha Clark house after it was destroyed by fire. Mr. Miller owned and operated the Ford Sales &

Service and after many years changed to the Buick dealer for the district.



(date unknown – southeast elevation)

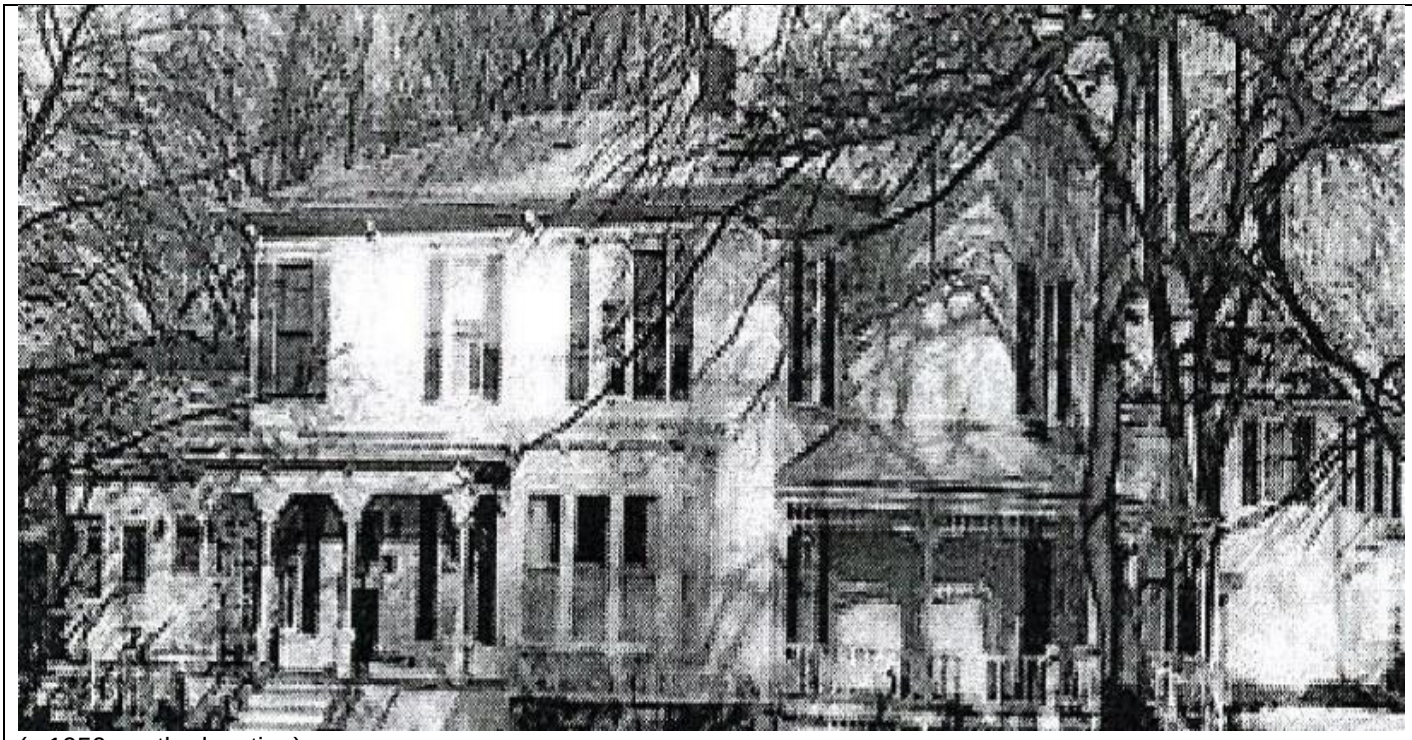


(date unknown – northeast elevation)

The existing front porch was added in the 1950s; designed by a Birmingham Michigan architect based on the design of the porch on the south elevation which was thought to be original. The original front porch (east elevation) appears to be Queen Anne style with a low-pitched roof, balustrade, and spindle columns (visible in the following photos).

In the 1960s Jerome and Lucille Wilford added a greenhouse to the second floor on the west elevation), the oriel window and extended bath on the north elevation.

In 2016 the current owners installed new windows flanking the fireplace on the addition's north side. They also replaced one large window facing Mill Pond (west elevation) and two double hung windows on the addition's south side.



(c 1950 south elevation)



(c 1975 southeast elevation)



(c 1989 east elevation)



(1989 – 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>.

This structure is an excellent example of an Italianate home built in the 1880s with added features of other architectural styles. Overall, the house retains its historic architectural details and holds sufficient integrity to remain as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District. Additions can be distinguished from the original and are of particular historical interest on their own.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

(1) Independence Township Tax Assessment book of 1871;
(2) 1872 map of Clarkston, *Atlas of Oakland County;*
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(4) *Clarkston News* 1946 November 8, "Benjamin F. Miller Answers Last Call";
(5) *Clarkston News* 1932 June 10, "Hiram P. Howe Expires in Oxford";
(6) *Clarkston News* 1984 September 12, "Architecture Archives, Roof shapes" by Susan Basinger;
(7) *Clarkson News* 1984 April 25, "Architecture Archives, Doors unravel mysteries" by Susan Basinger;
(8) *Clarkston A* Michigan *Legacy Preserved* Clarkston Community Historical Society, Inc. 1981;
(9) Information provided by current homeowners, James and Sandra Markwalder;
(10) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed January 5, 1976 by

Betty Galligan;
(11) *Clarkston A Michigan Legacy Preserved* Clarkston Community Historical Society, Inc. 1981;
(12) *Clarkston News* 1983 July 27, “Architecture Archives, Porches: Remnants of gracious times” by Susan Basinger;
(13) Old Photos from the Clarkston Community Historical Society, Cara Catallo, and the owner Jim Markwalder.