

Site # 43

For Office Use

Theme _____

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building name Emporium
- 2. County Oakland ~~Township~~ Village Clarkston
- 3. Street Location 31 South Main Street
- 4. Ownership: a. Public b. Private
- 5. Present Owner Michael & Barbra Wittenberg Address 31 South Main Street
- 6. Use: Original Drug Store and Livery Present Various small shops & offices
- 7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain Business hours

DESCRIPTION

- 8. Building Material: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco h. other _____
- 9. Structural Material: a. wood frame with interlocking joints b. wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
c. masonry load-bearing walls d. iron frame e. steel frame with curtain walls
f. reinforced concrete g. other _____
- 10. Condition: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. Integrity: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
Notes on alterations and additions, with dates and architect.

- 12. Related Outbuildings and Property: a. barn b. carriage house c. garage d. privy e. shed
f. shop g. greenhouse h. landscape features i. other _____

- 13. Surroundings of the Building: a. open land b. woodland c. scattered outbuildings d. densely built-up
e. commercial f. industrial g. residential h. other _____

- 14. Photo
- 15. Map

16. Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings Building is located on the west of Main Street of the Village of Clarkston at the corner of Depot Road.
17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site The beautiful cut field stone that is around this building was created by Mr. Casper Warden a long time former resident of the Village of Clarkston. The project was accomplished in 1941.
18. Threats to Building
 a. none known b. zoning c. roads d. developers e. deterioration
 f. other _____

SIGNIFICANCE (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

19. Architectural Significance
 Date of Construction c. 1850 Architect _____
 Builders, suppliers, etc. _____
 Notes on original plan and specifications: It is difficult to determine where one part of this particular building started, as it appears to have always been there in one form or another. There has almost always been three types of business's in operation on this particular site. The foundation goes from very old to modern.

20. Historical Significance: On the North east corner of this site the first Drug Store was operated by John G. Owens who manufactured his own herb medicine and was responsible for the manufacture of medicine bottles that at this time are a collectors item, as they have Clarkston, Mich. on them and are a pontiled bottle. The Pontiac Gazette of the 1850's had an ad running for John G. Owen's stating that he would like any quantity of fleece wool or wheat at his warehouse in the Village of Clarkston. This same lot was known to have had a livery as well as a mill. In more recent times has had a grist mill, pool room, Rudy's grocery store and now has a plant store, health foods, sporting goods supply and Doctor's clinic and offices.
 Lot 73 blk 26 formerly lot 1 blk 26

21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date):
 Tax Assessment Books of the early 1850 in the Village Hall, 25 S. Main St.
 News articles in the Pontiac Gazette of the 1850's
 Verbal - Arnold Mann of Clarkston
 Mrs. George Smith of Clarkston
 Rudy Schwarze of Clarkston
 Don Guye, Bottle Collector, Davisburg
 "Dr. Owen and his Great European Life Bitters", Warren Stephens, Volume II of the Metropolitan Detroit Antique Bottle Club, 1975

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