

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

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For Office Use

Theme _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Building name Marsden House
2. County Oakland Town/City _____ Village Clarkston
3. Street Location 49 West Washington
4. Ownership: a. Public b. Private
5. Present Owner Stephen & Sharon Marsden Address 49 West Washington
6. Use: Original Residence Present Residence
7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain NO

DESCRIPTION

8. Building Material a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco h. other Aluminum siding
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.

Alterations: minor interior with exception of addition of aluminum siding

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

HISTORICAL REGISTER
INVENTORY-NOMINATION FORM

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48918

(Type All Entries - Complete Only Applicable Sections)

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| 1. NUMERICAL CODE | (Assigned by M.H.C. Do Not Write in This Space) | |
| 2. NAME | COMMON | Marsden House |
| | And/or HISTORIC | |
| 3. LOCATION | STATE | Michigan |
| | COUNTY | Oakland |
| | TOWN | Village of Clarkston |
| | STREET & NUMBER | 49 West Washington |
| 4. STATUS | OWNER'S NAME | Stephen H. & Sharon G. Marsden |
| | OWNER'S ADDRESS (Street, Number, Town, State) | 49 West Washington Clarkston, Michigan 48016 |
| | USE | Private Residence |
| | ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC | NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> REMARKS |
| 5. LEGAL DESCRIPTION (Submit Actual Description on Separate Sheet) | CURRENT PROPERTY TITLE RECORDED AT (Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, Etc.) | Registry of Deeds, Oakland County Court House |
| | ADDRESS (Street, Number, Town, State Zip Code) | 1200 North Telegraph Road Pontiac, Michigan 48054 |
| | APPROXIMATE ACREAGE | 66 x 132 |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | NAME & DATE OF SURVEY (Federal, State, County, Local, Etc) | None |
| | LOCATION OF SURVEY RECORDS (Holding Organization & Address) | None |
| 7. CLASSIFICATION | (Check One) DISTRICT | (Do Not Write in This Space) |
| | SITE | |
| | BUILDING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | STRUCTURE | |
| | OBJECT | |
| 8. INVENTORIED BY | INDIVIDUAL | Stephen H. & Sharon G. Marsden |
| | ORGANIZATION | |
| | ADDRESS | 49 West Washington Clarkston, Michigan |
| | DATE | March 27, 1973 |

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

of
of the Property Known As

49 West Washington
Clarkston, Michigan 48016

Land in the Village of Clarkston, Oakland
County, Michigan described as: Lot 13, Supervisor's
Replat of Northwestern Addition and Part of Original
Plat, a subdivision of part of the south half of
Section 20, Town 4 North, Range 9 East, Village of
Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan as recorded in
Liber 52, page 19 of Plats, Oakland County Records.

9. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (Include Original & Present Condition)

The exterior of the above home is constructed of white wooden and aluminum siding, trimmed with black shutters. It is a "farm house" in style common to the 1800's (a simplified version of Greek-revival architecture). The house consists of two stories on the west side and one story on the east side. The front porch serves two front doors (also a trait typical of this style house). A longer side porch is located on the east side of the house.

The interior of the house contains seven (7) recently decorated rooms and one (1) bathroom. Alterations to the house include the following additions:

1. A fireplace in the living room (originally the formal parlor).
2. A small family room where the summer kitchen was originally located.
3. A full basement
4. Aluminum siding
5. Plaster, panelling, wallboard, wallpaper, etc. on all interior walls.
6. Remodeling of second story bedroom and hall
7. Closets in three (3) rooms (originally built without closets).

The interior walls are all in their original locations. The exterior appearance of the house is nearly identical to its appearance in the 1800's.

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The date of construction is established at 1859 to 1870. The land was originally deeded to Butler Holcomb in 1833 by President Andrew Jackson.

The floor plan of the house was arranged to best facilitate economic and efficient heating of the house. The rooms were situated around a central room in which the heating unit was located. Hence, there are no hallways. This floor plan remains untouched today.

One front door enters the central room (now a dining room) which was the everyday family gathering area. It was flanked on one side by two bedrooms (now currently a bedroom and a bathroom) and on the other by a formal parlor (off of which was another bedroom). The formal parlor now serves as a living room. In the interest of saving heat, the formal parlor could be closed off by large doors. The second front door enters this room and was used on occasions warranting the use of the formal parlor.

One of the early occupants of the house was the owner of the Clarkston Livery Stable. The house was the only home on West Washington Street throughout the 1800's.

The following sources were used in dating the house:

1. Abstract of Title (prepared by Burton Abstract Company)
2. Ronald Walter, Sr., 43 West Washington, Clarkston, Michigan *
(attorney-at-law; long family history in Clarkston; next door neighbor).
3. Photographs (dated and captioned) displayed by King Insurance Company, Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan
4. Jack Hagen Family; 42 N. Holcomb, Clarkston, Michigan; (former occupant of house).