

Site # 128

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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Theme	_____

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building name Yoh Home
- 2. County Oakland Town/City _____ Village Clarkston
- 3. Street Location 7 Buffalo
- 4. Ownership: a. Public b. Private
- 5. Present Owner Mr. & Mrs. Harry Yoh Address 7 Buffalo Street
- 6. Use: Original Home Present Home
- 7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain Private Home

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.
There is a strong indication that this home has been added on to, The back or east side of home appears to be the original and that the front two story was added at a later date. A garage and laundry room were added
- 12. Related Outbuildings and Property _____ in 1939 on eastside of building.
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** This building sits at the back of lot from East Washington. This home is located in the older part of the Village, among homes of like era.

17. **Other Notable Features of Building and Site** This home appears to be of the same shape or outline as it appears on the 1872 map of the Village of Clarkston. This home has been well cared for through the years and looks to be structurally sound, although at this time it needs some T.L.C.

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 1860/1880 Architect _____

Builders, suppliers, etc. _____

Notes on original plan and specifications:

20. **Historical Significance:** 1860 Akerd Hirst is shown as owner of property and valued at \$350.00. Wm. H. Smith is owner in 1867 value dropping to \$300.00 and then rising in 1870 to \$350.00. In 1874 the records show Elizabeth Vliet owner of Lot 2 valued at \$200.00 with Wm. Smith owner of Lot 2 N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 3 valued at \$350.00. Then in 1876 the title becomes a little cloudy and it shows Elizabeth Vliet owner of Lot 2 without any mention of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 3. Then in 1880 it is picked up again in tax books with S.R. Johnson owner of Lot 2 and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 3 and valued at \$700.00. This indicates to me that some thing happened to the building and it could very well have been under going a major addition, which seems to be indicated in the construction of this building.

21. **Sources** (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date):

Tax Assessment Books of Independence Twp., Village Hall
Map of the Village of Clarkston 1872 Village Hall
Verbal from owner Mr. Harry Yoh.

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