

Site #31

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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Theme _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Building name Wilford Home
2. County Oakland Town/City _____ Village Clarkston
3. Street Location 91 North Main Street
4. Ownership: a. Public b. Private
5. Present Owner Jerome S. Wilford Address 91 North Main Street
6. Use: Original Home Present Home
7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain No - 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.

In 1927 when Mr. B. F. Miller owned this home, the back woodshed, washroom was converted into a kitchen and bathroom. The home has had three complete different front porches. Wilford's added a greenhouse over kitchen in 1966.

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

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16. Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings Well located on a beautiful spacious lawn with the historic mill pond at its boundry at the back, and the Main Street of the Village of Clarkston for its front boundry.

17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site The carved front doors are outstanding. This is a full two story home with attic, and an attractive roof line on the front tower. The home has a front and back stairway, front being spiral.

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. 1885 Architect _____

Builders, suppliers, etc. _____

Notes on original plan and specifications:

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20. Historical Significance: The front double doors are from the Elisha Clark home, an important home in the area that was destroyed by fire. It is interesting to know that the doors fit perfectly.

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

Tax records of 1885 - \$1,500 value

Tax records of 1889 - \$1,700

1901 - \$1,700

Verbal - Mrs. Jerome Wilford, present owner

Verbal - Mrs. Brad Miller - former owners daughter-in-law

*Dec 21, 1881 - Pontiac Bell Paster Vol 14 No 25
H. H. Howe built new home*

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