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Historic Name

Common Name **Grace Hoyt House**

District Name

Street and Number **11 Holcomb**

Block Number

Sub-unit

Municipal Unit **Clarkston**

County **Oakland**

Original Usage **Residential**

Present Usage **Residential**

Ownership **Private**

USGS Map Title

Area Map Title

Clarkston Historic

District

Site No.

13-32



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Date **3/13/79**

View **East facade, looking west**

Survey/Date **3/13to4/17/79**

Surveyor **Mark Michon**

Recorder/Date **M. Michon/B.1. Francis 5/79**

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Description

The Hoyt House is a rectangular two story with an ell one story wood frame structure. This Greek Revival building has clapboard siding and rectangular windows; two single stack chimneys were originally constructed, one for the summer and one for the winter kitchen.

On the interior a stairway has been relocated and one of the kitchens removed.

Victorian details were added to the front porch in the late 19th C. Later the porch was enclosed and aluminum siding was applied.

Significance

Date of Construction ca. 1850

Architect/Builder

The Hoyt Residence is significant for its historical associations with the Village of Clarkston. Elizabeth Vliet Bower widow of civil war soldier Nelson Vliet and grandmother of Lee and Bessie Clark lived here. Lee and Bessie Clark were great grandchildren of one of the village founders, Lee Clark who began the first continual weekly paper in Clarkston in 1920 and was a leading force in rebuilding the local Opera House.

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