

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

Property Overview and Location



Street Address	33 Miller Road				
City/Township, State, Zip Code	Clarkston, Michigan 48346				
County	Oakland				
Assessor's Parcel #	14-08-20-181-002				
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)	Lat: 42.740420	Long: -83.421900			
Ownership	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-State <input type="checkbox"/>	Public-Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple <input type="checkbox"/>

Property Type

(Insert primary photograph below.)

Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> select sub-type below	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Object <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <input type="checkbox"/>	



Architectural Information

Construction Date	c 1928
Architectural Style	Craftsman/Bungalow
Building Form	Rectangular
Roof Form	Dual Front Gables
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Wood Siding
Foundation Materials	Fieldstone
Window Materials	Wood ?
Window Type	Double Hung
Outbuildings	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Number/Type:	1/Garage

Eligibility

Individually Eligible	Criterion A <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion B <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion C <input type="checkbox"/>	Criterion D <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria Considerations:	a. <input type="checkbox"/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> e. <input type="checkbox"/> f. <input type="checkbox"/> g. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Component of a Historic District	Contributing to a district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-contributing to a district <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District Name:	Clarkston Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance	Architectural Significance			
Period(s) of Significance	1832-1970			
Integrity – Does the property possess integrity in all or some of the 7 aspects?				
Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/>
General Integrity:	Intact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s):
Historic Name	Unknown			
Current/Common Name	Mitteer, David and Katelyn Kohs			
Historic/Original Owner	Porritt, Edward and Gladys			
Historic Building Use	Single Family			
Current Building Use	Single Family			
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown			
Builder/Contractor	Edward Porritt			

Survey Date	June 10, 2023	Recorded By	Michael Moon	Agency Report #	
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For SHPO Use Only	SHPO Concurrence?: Y / N	Date:	
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Narrative Architectural Description

Provide a detailed description of the property, including all character defining features and any accessory resources.

This dual front gabled style house sits on the south side of Miller Road. The original one and one-half story house with a front gable has a front gable addition making it two full stories. The north (front) elevation of the original house with a moderately pitched roof has a pair of almost square single pane windows, lightly off center near the gable peak. On this north elevation, west half of the house is a screened porch with a steeply pitched gable roof. There is a large louvered vent in the peak of the addition top gable.

The porch has four screened windows on the north elevation, two screened windows on the west elevation, and one screened window and an entrance on the east elevation. To the east of the front porch on the first story of the house is a pair of tall narrow one over one double hung windows. The fieldstone foundation is a dominant feature of the north elevation.



(north elevation)



(east elevation)

The east elevation of the porch on the north has a cement landing along the north elevation of the house with two prominent fieldstone pillars on each side of the steps leading to the driveway. The steps have a fieldstone wall on each side. On the north side, the wall continues to form the porch foundation. The second story of the east elevation has two pairs of one over one double hung windows (one at each end). The first floor has a grouping of three slender one over one double hung windows near the north end; a smaller one over one double hung window toward the middle of the east elevation; a one over one double hung window near the south end of the east elevation. On the south elevation is an addition with an entrance to the driveway on the east elevation.



(west elevation)

The west elevation second level has a pair of one over one double hung windows toward the north end and then two additional one over one double hung windows toward the south. The first floor has a one over one double hung window toward the north and then a grouping of four single pane double hung windows in the middle of the west elevation. At the south end is a square picture window with a narrow double hung window on each side. The addition on the west elevation has a larger square picture window with a double hung window on each side. The fieldstone foundation is prominent along the west elevation with two small horizontal windows with four-by-four panes each.



(south elevation)

The south elevation second story has a large louvered vent in the peak. The gable roof directly below (the addition on the south elevation) has a prominent fieldstone chimney through the peak and extending above the roofline of the second floor with a small rectangular window on each side of the chimney within the gable. The remainder of the addition has a low-pitched roof with five pairs of screened windows. This addition is covered with siding (i.e. no visible fieldstone foundation).

History of the Resource

Provide information on previous owners, land use, construction and alteration dates in a narrative format. This is required for all intensive level surveys and designation and recommended for other identification efforts.

The 1896 Map of the Village of Clarkston identified the owner of the property as I. (Isadore/ Esidore) Jossman. This portion of land was part of the King-Wompole Plat. Mr. Jossman is credited with starting the first bank (Clarkston Exchange Bank) in the Clarkston area. He used milk cans as money boxes in his general store.

By the late 1920's the owner was Edward Lee Porritt (1908-1977). Mr. Porritt was owner and operator of the Porritt Dairy of Orion Township for more than forty years. During the 1930s the second story was added which included three bedrooms.

In 1980 at the time the Clarkston Historic District was certified, the owner was Henry Chisholm. A screened in porch was added to the south elevation before 1989.



(1989 north elevation)



(1989 east elevation)



(1989 west elevation)

In 2006, Christine Weinreich did a major renovation to the interior of the house.

Statement of Significance/Recommendation of Eligibility

Provide a detailed explanation of the property's eligibility for the National Register, including an evaluation under at least one of the four criteria, discussion of the seven aspects of integrity, and recommendations about eligibility. This is required for all properties.

This structure has had several additions: addition of a second story, screened in front porch, and an addition to the south elevation. All these changes are distinguishable from the original structure. Even with these changes, the house still retains its original craftsman/bungalow features and retains its standing as a contributing resource to the Clarkston Historic District,

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

1. 1896 Map of the Village of Clarkston;
2. *Clarkston News* 1967 June 1 article "Esidore Jossman – Clarkston's first bank owner" by Constance Lektzian;
3. *Clarkston News* 1977 April 21 article "Edward Lee Porritt";
4. Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
5. USGS Map Title 33 Miller dated March 22, 1979;
6. Old photos from Cara Catallo.