

Michigan SHPO Architectural Properties Identification Form

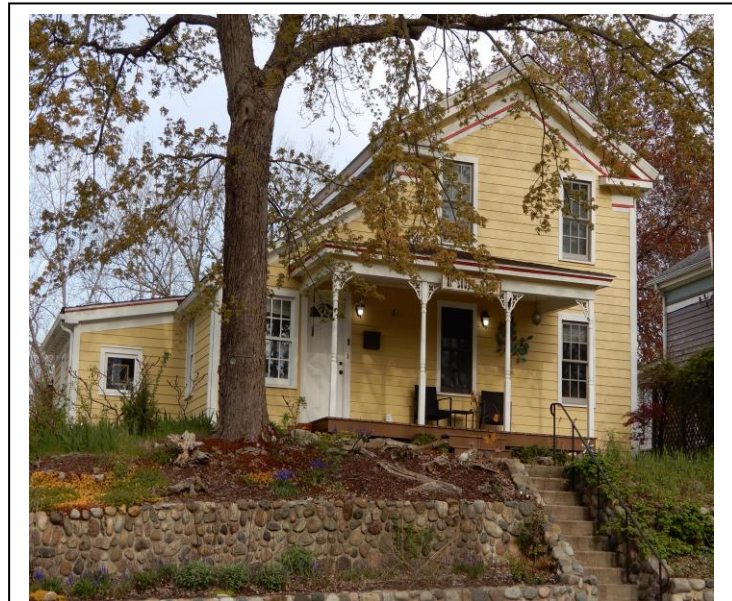
Property Overview and Location

Street Address		81 South Main Street			
City/Township, State, Zip Code		Clarkston, Michigan 48346			
County		Oakland			
Assessor's Parcel #		14-08-20-382-013			
Latitude/Longitude (to the 6 th decimal point)		Lat: 42.733220		Long: -83.419350	
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 1855
Architectural Style	Greek Revival
Building Form	Irregular
Roof Form	Front Gable
Roof Materials	Asphalt Shingles
Exterior Wall Materials	Clapboard
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:	Clarkton Historic District
Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/>				
Area(s) of Significance	Domestic Architecture and Location within the Village			
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 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	Ronk Residence			
Current/Common Name	Semán, Douglas and Kimberly Dubczak			
Historic/Original Owner	Bishop, Elmer			
Historic Building Use	Single Family			
Current Building Use	Single Family			
Architect/Engineer/Designer	Unknown			
Builder/Contractor	Unknown			

Survey Date	May 4, 2022	Recorded By	Nancy 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 house sits on the west side of South Main Street on a hill side toward the edge of the village. Both the roof line and front porch roofline on the front elevation (east) have a wide band of trim. There is an open pediment. There are two double hung six over six windows on the second floor of the east elevation just under the gable pediment.



(east elevation)

A one-story front porch across two thirds of the east elevation has four turned spindle columns with decorated brackets. These support a shed type roof. Inside the porch on the south end is a solid wood door with a fan glass opening at the top. Just north of the doorway (inside the porch) is a six over six double hung window. Outside the front porch but still on the first floor of the east elevation on both the north and south ends is another six over six double hung window. On the south side, there appears to be a bump out from the original house. West of the "bumpout" there is a second, larger addition toward the south with an apparent shed roof and single fixed glass pane window on the east elevation.

There is a two-tiered fieldstone terraced retaining wall where the hillside meets the sidewalk. At least twelve steps lead from the sidewalk to the front porch with a black wrought handrail along the north side. On the south side of the steps is a short fieldstone wall. The stairs connect to the front porch floor north of the doorway.



(staircase from the sidewalk – east elevation)

The house sits close to the structure to the north. Hence, it is not possible to get a good photo of the north elevation.



(north elevation)



(south elevation)

On the south elevation of the original structure on the first floor (behind the bush in the photo) is a six over six double hung window. The south elevation of the addition has a single rectangular window.



(south elevation)

As a result of additions to the original structure, multiple roof lines were created. From the photo three separate roof lines are visible.



(west elevation)

The west elevation of the structure overlooks and connects to Depot Park. The west elevation has been modified significantly from the original structure. The south end (which appears to be part of the second addition roofline from the south elevation photo) has a fan semi-circle window directly under the roofline and two smaller horizontal rectangular windows below. On the south elevation of the two-story addition visible from the west elevation has two six pane vertical windows under the roofline.

On the two-story addition with hipped roof to the west elevation, the second floor has two six over six double hung windows and a canted bay on the first floor and with a six over six double hung window on each side.

There are multiple wooden steps leading to a wooden deck on the south end of the west elevation with multi-heights of balustrade around the end of the deck. It appears the deck has another set of steps that lead to the ground level toward the middle of the two-story addition.

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.

In 1850 the property was owned by John Hertwig/Herwig (1860 -1907); he owned a small tailor shop at 22/24 South Main Street. The original structure was most likely built for Elmer Bishop. The 1872 map of the Village of Clarkston has the footprint of a structure with the name "Mrs. C." This is Julia Cochran.

Beginning in 1920 John (1877 – 1927) and Mary (1877 – 1925) Hammond owned the house. John built a screened porch on the east elevation in the 1920's. Their daughter, Elizabeth Hammond Ronk (1904 – 1999), owned the property in 1980 when the Clarkton Historic District was certified.



(date unknown – southeast elevation)

A screened in porch from the 1920s is visible.



(date unknown – northeast elevation)



(1989 – northeast elevation)



(1989 southeast elevation)

In the 1990s a major renovation was completed. The windows, doors, and front porch were replaced. A garage was constructed.

In 1995, Michael and Helen Kelley owned the house and replaced the vertical siding on the south elevation with horizontal clapboard. Then in 1999 when the structure was owned by Robert and Mary Alice Cook, they added a 14'1" by 8'7" addition to the west elevation using asphalt shingles, horizontal beveled wood siding and wood weathershed windows.

Douglas Seman and Kimberly Dubczak purchased the home in the mid-2000s. Then in 2017, replaced the roof and repaired the siding. In addition the windows in the non-original structure were replaced with wood and vinyl-clad Andersen 400 Series.

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 Greek Revival structure retains many of its original features such as its wide trim, its open pediment across the front gable on the east elevation. The house has had several additions over the years, but these are easily distinguished from the original. It retains sufficient original features and multiple aspects of integrity to maintain its contribution to the Clarkston Historic District.

References

List references used to research and evaluate the individual property.

- (1) Research done using the grant funding obtained by Mollie Lynch, Library Director 1991 – 2005 and researched by Susan K. Basinger;
- (2) BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM, Michigan History Division, completed August 28, 1975, by Betty Galligan;
- (3) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated August 24, 2017, for 81 South Main Street;
- (4) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated April 1, 1999, for 81 South Main Street;
- (5) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated April 18, 1995 for 81 South Main Street;
- (6) Clarkston Historic District Certificate of Appropriateness dated March 28, 1995 for 81 South Main Street;
- (7) Old photos provided by Cara Catalo.