

Site # 14

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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Theme	_____

IDENTIFICATION

- Building name Harris Home
- County Oakland Town/Chy Village Clarkston
- Street Location 104 North Main Street
- Ownership: a. Public b. Private
- Present Owner Walter Richard Leaf Address 104 North Main Street
- Use: Original Home Present Home
- Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain Private

DESCRIPTION

- Building Material: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco h. other _____
- 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 _____
- Condition: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- Integrity: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____

Notes on alterations and additions, with dates and architect.

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

16. Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings Located on east side of Main Street located adjacent to the Independence Township Hall in a residential area.

17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site This home is located in the area of Clarkston Village with the outstanding homes of historic as well as architectural significance.

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. 1856 Architect -----
Builders, suppliers, etc. _____

Notes on original plan and specifications: This home had a kitchen relocated from northeast end of house to southeast; this was the only major change until Mr. and Mrs. Leaf remodeled.

20. Historical Significance:

1880 - G.W. Vliet - \$700.00 tax value
The site was originally owned by Butler Holcomb in 1831, then sold to Jeremiah Clark in 1837, passing on to Joseph Harris in 1856, to Sarah Vliet in 1862. This home was owned by George Harris of recent history who was married to a Jeremiah Clark decendent. While inhabited by the George Harris family, Mr. Henry Ford was a frequent visitor, as he owned property adjacent.

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

Abstract of Title - Oakland County - Mrs. Floyd Nelsey, Daughter of George Harris, Nelsey Road, Clarkston, Michigan.
Tax records of 1850, 1856 \$800.00 tax value
Tax records of 1880 \$700.00 Tax value
Oral History, Mrs. Floyd Nelsey

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