

Site #23

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

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Theme \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building name Jossman House
2. County Oakland Town/City Village Clarkston
3. Street Location 165 North Main Street
4. Ownership: a. Public b. Private
5. Present Owner Mr. & Mrs. J. Bickford Address 165 North Main Street
6. Use: Original Home Present Home
7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain private home

DESCRIPTION

- 8. Building Material a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
9. Structural Material a. wood frame with interlocking joints b. wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
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. It is rumored, a part of the original home was moved over and made a part of two homes that lay in close proximity. When Glennies owned the home in the 1940's, they put on an addition and found the remains of a foundation seeming to bear this out. At one time, there was a porch across the front and the northside of home.

- 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** This home blends very well with its surroundings in the neighborhood as well as the Village.

17. **Other Notable Features of Building and Site**

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. 1870 Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Builders, suppliers, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Notes on original plan and specifications:

20. **Historical Significance:** E. Jossman ran a general store with I. Frank in the Village of Clarkston, and it is said that he (Jossman) started the first bank in Clarkston by using milk cans for money containers in back of the store, later becoming a corporation according to Mich. State laws and building a beautiful field stone building to be used for the bank in 1907. The building is still standing and being used for the bank in Clarkston, being owned by Pontiac State Bank of Pontiac, Michigan.

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

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Standard Atlas, George A. Ogle & Co., 1908, Norma Goyette  
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