

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Site #40

For Office Use
Theme _____

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building name Clarkston Village Post Office
- 2. County Oakland Town/City _____ Village Clarkston
- 3. Street Location 21 South Main Street
- 4. Ownership: a. Public b. Private
- 5. Present Owner Pontiac State Bank Address 28 North Saginaw St., Pontiac, MI
- 6. Use: Original Independence Twnship Hall Present United States Post Office
- 7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain During Post Office hours

DESCRIPTION

- 8. Building Material a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco h. other concrete blocks
- 9. 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 _____
- 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.

- 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 none
- 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 Building is in keeping in design with the original Independence Hall, but not in keeping with other business buildings in the Village. A flight of steps has to be climbed to enter this building. Textured blocks duplicates those used in 2 other commercial buildings.

and red clay brick-like material,
17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site Corbels formed of concrete/and the columns* at the entrance also made or formed of concrete. The window treatment at the front of the building over the front entrance a semi-circular/arrangement
*pilaster fan

18. Threats to Building
a. none known b. zoning c. roads d. developers e. deterioration
f. other Building being vacated by Post Office; future uncertain.

SIGNIFICANCE (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

19. Architectural Significance

Date of Construction 1911 Architect Slater
Builders, suppliers, etc. Slaters of Pontiac, Michigan

Notes on original plan and specifications: In April of 1910 the township voted to build a township hall. Later it was agreed to see about the mason and a site to build the hall, in August of 1910 plans of townhall were to be taken to Slater, subj to any change they think best. In March 1911 bids were to be opened. John D. Ogden & Austin Taylor were to act as building committee. In June, J. D. Ogden went to Pontiac to see prosecuting attorney in regard to money and see Slater

~~xxxxxxx~~ the architects. June 26, 1912 town hall to be leased at two dollars (\$2.00) per night.

20.) HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: This building was originally built and used as a township hall also used for the Village council meetings as well as the elections. In the Township minutes, it was recorded that the building was to be rented for two dollars a night for the "running of a picture show". It was also used as a school room when the local school became over crowded, with the provision that it would be available for township meetings. The property belonged to Henry Ford at one time around the 1940's, then sold back to the Village, then to the Clarkston State Bank and later leased to the United State for a Post Office.

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

Oakland County Register of Deeds
General Record, Independence Twp. 1910 page 25 and 26 located in Village Hall, 25 S. Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan

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