



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

For Office Use

Theme _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Building name Irish House
2. County Oakland Town/City _____ Village Clarkston
3. Street Location 71 North Main Street
4. Ownership: a. Public b. Private
5. Present Owner Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Gardner Address 71 North Main Street
6. Use: Original Home Present Home
7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
 Interior accessible: Explain No - Privacy

DESCRIPTION

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

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 Outstanding stately home on Main Street, Clarkston in a well maintained residential area, among other like homes of the same era. The lawn at back of home has Mill Pond frontage.

17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site North Main Street, Clarkston is known and admired by many here in the Village as well as across country. This building I feel is the most impressive of all, with its huge pillars and outstanding original wide woodwork on the front of building.

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. 1855-1857 Architect _____

Builders, suppliers, etc. _____

Notes on original plan and specifications: Emil Lurch surveyed and reported on this home in 1934. Box No. 13-Oakland County Misc.-Michigan Historical Collecti
The University of Michigan, Bentley Historical Library, Ann Arbor,
Michigan 48105

20. Historical Significance: This home was once occupied by the Clark family, who gave Clarkston its name. N. W. Clark was among the first to privately hatch and plant Brook Trout fry in the state. He started this in 1866. He was one of the main forces behind the movement to establish a state department of fish culture. Clarkston Carding Mills was activated in 1847 by N. W. Clark. He erected a large two story frame house on the west shore of Park Lake for a select school, sold in 1862 for a public school.

21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date): Independence Township Tax Assessment Book, Clarkston Village Hall, 25 S. Main Street, Clarkston, Mich. Oakland County.

1850	N.W. Clark	\$ 485	\$ 5.70	Tax
1855	" "	1,300	3.29	+ \$1.30
1857	" "	2,500	11.40	+ 3.62

Fifty Years of Hunting & Fishing, 1923, Wm. B. Mershon, Page 151
Oakland County Histories found at Wisner Home

on the Hest Amer. Bldg. Survey

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