The Thomas and Isabella Moore Clyde House

and

The Ephraim and Emma Woodworth Truesdell House

2002 Additions to the *Historic and Architectural Resources of Canton Township 1999*

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July 2002
Truesdell, Ephraim & Emma Woodworth, House
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name ___ Truesdell, Ephraim and Emma Woodworth, House ___

other names/site number ______________________

2. Location

street & number ___ 1224 Haggerty Road ___ not for publication ___ N/A ___
city or town ___ Canton Township ___ vicinity ___ N/A ___
state ___ Michigan ___ code ___ MI ___ county ___ Wayne ___ 91 ___

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ___ X ___ nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ___ X ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide ___ X ___ locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official ________________ Date ________________

___ Michigan SHPO ___
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In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting or other official  Date

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4. National Park Service Certification

__________________________
I, hereby certify that this property is:

___ entered in the National Register

___ See continuation sheet.

___ determined eligible for the National Register

___ See continuation sheet.

___ determined not eligible for the National Register

___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain):

__________________________
Signature of Keeper

__________________________
Date of Action

5. Classification

__________________________
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

X  private

___ public-local

___ public-State

___ public-Federal

__________________________
Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)

___ district

___ site

___ structure

___ object

__________________________
Number of Resources within Property

Contributing  Noncontributing

___ 2 buildings  ___ 3 buildings
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___ sites  ____ sites
___ structure  ____ structures
___ objects  ____ objects
2  ____ Total  3  ____ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register __0__

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) ___ N/A ___

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Agriculture/Subsistence  Sub: ____________________________
  Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
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  Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

  Late Victorian Stick/Eastlake

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
foundation  stone  
roof  asphalt  
walls  brick  
other  wood

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Other:

Period of Significance  1888-1960

Significant Dates  1888

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  N/A

Cultural Affiliation  N/A
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Architect/Builder Charles W. Curtis

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2.26

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The Truesdell House, built in 1888 by Charles W. Curtiss of Plymouth, Michigan, is a two-story, hip-and-cross-gable-roof building with red brick walls. The east-facing house displays a cross-shaped form, with a narrow-fronted and deep gable-front section intersected about midway back by a side-gable section, with roof slightly lower than the house’s main roof, that projects one window bay beyond the side walls on either side. Set back slightly from the gable-front section façade and one window-bay’s distance back (south) from the north end of the side-gable section is the hip-roof part, which contains the street-facing double-door main entrance. Two porches with low, shingled pent roofs and Eastlake detailing – turned posts with pierced-work screens connecting their upper portions – frame the house’s front-gable and hip-roof front section, one forming an L around the hip-roof section’s facades that shelter the front entrance and the other flanking the front section’s south side. The house’s front and side gables display identical wooden gable ornaments. In each the lower edge is an arch – decorated with a pattern of incised-decoration semicircles – springing from a short, paired-bracket-supported horizontal extending inward from the roof eave on either side. The house’s double-hung, one-over-one windows are set within segmental-arch brick caps with projecting stone impost blocks and keystones, the latter displaying incised carving. A brick-walled square-plan bay window projects from the south wall of the side-gable section. The house stands on a stone foundation whose walls are topped by a rock-faced sandstone water table.

To the rear a carriage house has been attached to the main building. It was constructed in the same period as the house and later attached, by means of a small entryway. The carriage house’s main entry is a high arched opening originally fitted with heavy oak double doors. The opening was later filled with brick to accommodate modern garage doors. In order to accommodate the length of an automobile some of the brick was removed from the opposite interior wall. The owner plans to restore the opening and add wooden doors similar to the original doors.

The interior floor plan has been little altered from the original. There are ten rooms, five down and five up. Interior features include original moldings and trim. The base moldings are ten inches deep. A fireplace in the corner of the living room has an elaborate oak mantle and a glazed-tile surround. All windows have original, interior, louvered shutters. A pass-through cabinet between the kitchen and the dining room has original glass doors on the dining room side and wooden doors on the kitchen side. The present owners have converted the servant’s quarters on the second floor to a modern bath. The kitchen was updated in the 1920’s and again in the 1960’s. The owner has returned the room to the look of the 1920’s including a stove of that era. A second bath has been located in the entry hall that joins the carriage house to the main house. The building is well maintained and retains integrity in both materials and design.

The Ephraim and Emma Woodworth Truesdell House, along with a barn and three other outbuildings, is sited on a 21/4-acre parcel in Canton Township, Michigan. Three of the outbuildings are non-contributing. They include a modern garage, and two one-story sheds, one a galvanized-metal shed and the other a wooden shed with a metal roof. All four buildings sit to the south and slightly to the rear (west) of the main house.
Contributing to the significance of the property is the fifth building, the Truesdell barn. It is a small gable-roofed structure with unpainted vertical board siding and an attached metal, shed-roofed, lean-to addition set on a concrete slab. The building has no windows. Entry is gained, on the north, through sliding wooden doors. The barn's post and beam construction suggests that it was a part of the earlier farmstead. Although in somewhat deteriorated condition the building retains integrity of materials and type.

In excellent repair the house, outbuildings and well maintained grounds retain historical integrity presenting to the passerby an idea of what Canton Township was like in its agricultural past. Although only 2.26 acres remain of the original farm, a small portion of wooden rail fence, part of the old farmstead, and mature trees and plantings that screen the property from surrounding modern development all add to the sense of place of the farmstead.
The Truesdell House is one of the outstanding Late Victorian architectural landmarks of Canton Township, Michigan. Few houses in the township demonstrate the craftsmanship and quality of materials used in the Truesdell house. Perhaps no other house, in the township, of this quality, retains its integrity of setting as well as the Truesdell house. In addition the Truesdell family, one of Canton’s founding families, established a dynasty with a long history in the township. The family farmed the property beyond the mid-twentieth century. A great-grandson of the first farmer ran a state of the art dairy farm that drew visitors from Europe and Japan.

The original farm was comprised of two forty-acre parcels covering the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of section 23 of Canton Township. Alexander Clark purchased the NE 1/4 section from the United States government on August 7, 1833 and Thomas Johnson purchased the SE 1/4 on October 21, of the same year.

Three years later, on June 7, 1836, Erastus Truesdell, an immigrant from New York, purchased both pieces of property and began farming. The farm was valued at $8,400 in 1860. Mr. Truesdell raised sheep, cattle, and grains and produced wool and animals for market. He eventually increased the farm’s size to 200 acres. On the farm he raised a large family of eight children.

Until 1868 the property remained intact. In that year Erastus donated one acre to School District #6 of Canton. In two separate transactions, one in 1868, the other in 1869, he sold the remaining seventy-nine acres of the original eighty to his next to the youngest son Ephraim.

Ephraim, born July 4, 1842, served three years in the Civil War. He was in the company that captured Jefferson Davis, was wounded in battle, and became somewhat of a local hero. Ephraim married Emma Woodworth, of Dearborn, September 12, 1869. In 1888 Ephraim and Emma contracted with C. G. Curtiss of Plymouth to build the elegant brick house that stands today at 1224 Haggerty Road.

The builder, C. G. Curtiss, and Truesdell were most likely acquainted since before moving to Plymouth, Curtiss lived for nine years in nearby Sheldon, Canton Township. Curtiss had a respectable reputation as a local builder and his home, the Curtiss House, a National Register site in Plymouth, Michigan, has similar detail in the gables and porch spindles. In the new, Eastlake style house, Ephraim and Emma raised eight children and continued farming practices begun by his father.

The farm prospered under Ephraim’s tenure. In 1870 it was valued at $10,000. He raised crops similar to those raised by his father and produced similar agricultural products. When Ephraim died in 1906 the farm was 300 acres in size.
In 1911 Ephraim's son Carlos purchased the family home and 130 acres of family farmland from his mother. Carlos served three terms as Canton Township treasurer. He and his wife Eda Gill raised two children at the Haggerty Road home, Glen Gill and Zelma Jane Truesdell.

When Carlos died in an automobile accident in 1939, Eda continued to live in the family home and for income rented rooms. She rented first to several local schoolteachers and during World War II, to workers at the nearby Willow Run bomber plant.

Carlos' son Glen took over the operations of the family farm and built a new home next door to the brick home of his youth. He was fascinated with modern farm machinery and purchased many electrical farming aids, among them two feed grinders, a feed mixer, an electric corn dryer, and a barn gutter cleaner. His interest in modernized farming methods brought some international attention to the farm. In 1950, on a Detroit radio program, entitled *Electricity at Work for You*, representatives of Detroit Edison and Michigan State College interviewed Glen about his farming methods. Carlos' experiments also attracted farmers from Japan and Europe who visited and toured the 250-acre farm in the 1940's and 1950's.

While Glen lived in the new house and managed the farm, his sister Zelma inherited the family home and she and her husband Robert Huebler, raised three children in the house while helping Glen with the farming. Their son Robert bought his parents home and, when he sold to Ralph and Sharlene Welton, the house passed from Truesdell family ownership.

Also contributing to the significance of the property is the Truesdell barn. The barn's post and beam construction and the typical New England gable type suggest that it was part of the earlier farmstead. Unlike the large gambrel roofed barns of a later period used to house animals and store feed, these barns were used mainly for storing grain. Canton Township has few of these structures extant. Although in somewhat deteriorated condition the building retains integrity of materials and type.

The Weltons, the present owners of the property, are in the process of restoring the house. Sitting on two acres of land with mature plantings and several surviving outbuildings, the farm maintains its historical integrity. There is sufficient acreage surrounding the building to impart a sense of what the farm was in the nineteenth century.
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Canton Township Tax Assessor Records: 1843-1873 (located in the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Main Library) and 1912-1961 (located at the Canton Historical Museum).


Interviews:
Welton, Ralph - April 21, 1999
Truesdell, Ephraim and Emma Woodworth, House  
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Newspapers:
*The Plymouth Mail* July 20, 1888

*The Ypsilanti*  
March 8, 1888  
May 3, 1888

Unpublished Sources:  


Verbal Boundary Description

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Boundary Justification

These boundaries encompass the entire property currently associated with the house.
Ephraim & Emma Woodworth Truesdell House
1224 Haggerty Rd.

Facade and South Elevation

Facade and North Elevation
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historic name_ Clyde, Thomas and Isabella Moore _ House
other names/site number

2. Location

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Township city or town_ Canton Township_ vicinity _ N/A_
state_ Michigan_ code_ MI_ county_ Wayne_ code_ 163_ zip code_ 48187

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Signature of certifying official
_Michigan SHPO_
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4. National Park Service Certification

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**Architectural Classification** Greek Revival

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city or town Canton                           state MI    zip code 48187

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Clyde, Thomas and Isabella Moore, House
Historic and Architectural Resources of Canton Township
Wayne County, MI

The Thomas Clyde House is a one and one-half story, c.1845 upright and double-wing Greek Revival building whose facade is atypical in its asymmetry. While the front wall of the east wing of the north-facing building is recessed back from the central upright’s facade the depth of a porch that fronts it, the front wall of the west wing, which has no porch, is aligned with the upright’s front wall. The house’s corners display “antae” supporting a classical entablature with low architrave and higher frieze. The classical raking cornices display returns. Victorian porches that front the upright and east wing display thick chamfered edge square-plan posts with pierced-work brackets framing the openings between the posts and a single bracket in the porch cornice directly above each post. The house’s walls are clapboarded (except for flush horizontal boarding on the upright’s facade behind the porch) and pierced by two front entrances, a central one in the upright and another in the east wing, and by square-head six-over-six windows. The house retains its original ramped door and window surrounds with “eared” trim. It has an asphalt shingle roof. Brick chimneys are found on the upright and the west wing. The house stands on a rock-face foundation.

Only the first floor of the interior was seen by the author. There are two bedrooms, living room, laundry, kitchen, hall and enclosed stairs on this level. The hall is central to the house and opens to the living room, bedroom, and laundry room. Simple woodwork is seen throughout the downstairs. The basement is a “Michigan” basement with dirt floor.

A concrete block one-story addition is attached to the rear elevation (construction date unknown). The kitchen has recently been remodeled and the front porch renovated in 1997 (saving the original columns, door and window surrounds, and brackets under the eaves).

The house sits on a small lot in the hamlet of Cherry Hill across the road from the school. The landscaping includes floral foundation plantings and a few young trees on the western property line. There is a modern detached two-car garage in back of the house. The Clyde house is an attractive reminder of the settlement pattern that developed in the hamlet.
The Clyde House is an unusual example of an upright and double wing Greek Revival house. It is significant because it is a subtype found predominantly in the northeastern states, and most likely brought to Canton Township by settlers from New York State. A 1999 reconnaissance survey of Canton Township by the author found only two other upright and double wing houses extant. The asymmetrical house has Greek Revival features such as Doric columns and return cornices.

The house that currently stands on the property was moved there from the William Houk farm at 50530 Cherry Hill Road (across the road and slightly west) in 1925. The history of the Greek Revival house before it was moved gives insight into both the family and community events. The property consisted of approximately thirty-nine acres, located in the W 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of section 18. Hugh R. Clyde purchased the original land in 1827. Hugh and Eliza Huston Clyde were among the first Canton settlers in the 1820s. Eliza's parents and siblings followed her to Canton and were important in the settlement of the area. Hugh Clyde bought 240 acres in Sections 18 and 19. In this area Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads intersected to become the heart of the hamlet. After the deaths of Hugh R. Clyde in 1831, and his wife Eliza Huston Clyde in 1838, the property went to their son, Thomas. The house was probably built by Thomas Clyde c.1845 as the taxes jumped from $3.14 in 1844 to $8.02 in 1845. In the 1850 population census Thomas and his brother, Hugh, are living with their grandmother, Mary Huston, who is shown paying taxes (sometimes jointly with Thomas) on this property until 1857. According to Cornerstones, Thomas Clyde married Isabella Moore on August 22, 1850.

In 1858 the house was occupied by Thomas Clyde's cousin, John Huston II, and his new bride, Betsy. John Huston II was the fourth child of Benjamin and Hulda Huston. He married Louisa Andrews in 1853; she died in 1855. He then married Betsey Ann Mott (daughter of Canton pioneers Adam and Betsey Mott) in 1857 and they had two children, Louise Mary (1858) and Jason (1860) (Cornerstones, p.272).

The property where the house stood at 48565 Cherry Hill and the contiguous forty acres were apparently used for farming. The 1870 and 1880 Agricultural Census indicates that general farming was done. In addition to raising horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs, they grew wheat, corn, oats, potatoes, and hay and in 1870 produced 400 pounds of butter.

Like his father, Benjamin, John Huston II was active in the community. He was Township Treasurer in 1859 and 1870, Constable in 1860-63, Justice of the Peace in 1865, 1873, 1881, and 1889, Poor director in 1869, Township Supervisor 1873-77, and Township Clerk in 1886. Jason Huston and Louise Huston Kimmel took possession of the property in 1907 after their father's death, then sold it to Frank Newton in 1919. In 1924 it was sold to Jennie and William Houk who lived there until their new brick home was built.
The house was then sold to William West and moved to 50325 Cherry Hill Road. According to Cornerstones, the West family were well known members of the Cherry Hill community. Richard and Jane West came to America in 1850 from the county of Cork, Ireland. They first settled in Superior Township, Michigan, then moved to property on Michigan Avenue and Beck Road in Canton Township. Their children were Debbie, Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, Jane, William, Jerome, and Anna.

William Henry West moved to Cherry Hill in 1901 (his father, Richard, died that year). He was married to Louisa Beatrice Cook of Ely, England. They were the parents of Alfred, Ellen, Elton, Arthur, Jerome, Wilbert, Earl, Luetta, Stanley, and Joseph. William H. West owned 50325 Cherry Hill, but lived at 50395 Cherry Hill Road (now razed) and 50475 Cherry Hill Road. William operated a post office and general store located on Cherry Hill Road just east of Ridge Road. In 1917 he purchased the Cherry Hill Inn on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. All the children helped their father at the store, but it would be Jerome, known as "Jake," who would take over the business. After William West's death in 1934, his wife, Louisa, retained ownership of 50325 Cherry Hill Road until her death in 1950. Subsequent owners were Pearl P. Kissler, Dalton and Evylen Avey, Charles A. Houk, William and Lynn Meyers, and Shannon Causley. Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Causley and their five children currently occupy the house.

The Clyde house is one of a number of early and mid-nineteenth century house forms from the northeastern United States brought to southeast Michigan by the early generation of settlers from the east that came to the area after the opening of the Erie Canal in 1925. Canton Township, whose earliest white settlement was almost exclusively of Yankees from New England and upstate New York, was particularly rich in Greek Revival houses exemplifying a broad variety of forms characteristic of the Northeast. The Thomas and Isabella Moore Clyde house is an unusual example of the upright and double wing house because of its asymmetry.
Bibliography


Canton Township Tax Assessor Records, 1843-1873 (located in the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Main Library) and 1912-1961 (located at the Canton Historical Museum).


Wayne County Tract Index.


**Maps**

1838-41 Bela Hubbard map of Canton Township  
1855 Wayne County (Detroit: John Farmer)  
1860 Wayne County, MI (Philadelphia: Geil, Harley & Swerd)  
1876 Wayne County MI  
1893 Canton Township plat map (William C. Sauer)  
1894 Wayne County (Mason L. Brown C.E., copied from original source by Silas Farmer, Detroit)  
1904 Canton Township plat map  
1914 Canton Township plat map (*Sauers Atlas 1914*)  
1922 Canton Township plat map  
1930 Township of Canton, Wayne Co., MI (Wall map, Canton Historical Museum)  
1942 Canton Township (W.S. McAlpine Map Co.)  
1960 Canton Township (Rockford Map Publishers)  
1970 Canton Township (Rockford Map Publishers)

**Interviews:**

Mr. & Mrs. Causley, current owners
0.78 acres described as:


Boundary Justification

These boundaries encompass the entire property currently associated with the house.
Thomas Clyde House -- 50325 Cherry Hill

Facade and West Elevation