

WASHINGTON BOULEVARD INTENSIVE STUDY  
Holland, Michigan Ottawa County



HISTORIC NAME:

ROLL:FRAME:VIEW: 1:1:north facade, facing south  
ADDRESS: 225 Van Raalte Avenue

HISTORIC FUNCTION: Residential  
CURRENT FUNCTION: Residential  
OWNERSHIP: Private

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION: Minimal Traditional

Main Building

Other Buildings/Features

FOUNDATION: Cement block  
WALLS: Clapboard  
ROOF: Asphalt shingle  
OTHER:

Frame garage: assessor's records: 1960

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The one story Minimal Traditional clapboard house is built on a cement block foundation. The hipped-roof structure with a substantial brick chimney is enhanced by expanses of multi-light windows that are the front facade's prominent feature. The arched front entry is highlighted with patterned wood radiating from the top of the arch.

HISTORY: **City Directories:** 1921, no entry; 1924-25, no entry; 1927-28, no entry; 1934, no entry; 1938, Irene Skulkers; 1942, Irene Skulkers (widow of Ernest); 1947-48, A. Bondy Greenberg (President and Manager, Spring Air Co.). **Tax Rolls:** 1882, parcel not listed; 1885, Hope College - \$250; 1890, Hope College - \$150; 1891, Hope College - \$180; 1899, A. Whams - \$400. **Sunburn Fire Insurance Maps:** 1883, area mapped - no house on lot; 1889, area mapped - no house on lot; 1893, area mapped - no house on lot; 1896, area mapped - no house on lot;

1902, area mapped - no house on lot; 1908, area mapped - no house on lot; 1916, area mapped - no house on lot; 1925, area mapped - no house on lot.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Circa 1934-1938

ORIGINAL OWNER:

*Holtzof*

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: This house contributes to the architectural and historic integrity of the area because of its style, form, and materials.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT: This house is a good example of the Minimal Traditional style that was built from the early to middle of the twentieth century. It is a precursor to the popular Ranch house that dominated the residential housing market in the 1960s.

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**HISTORIC NAME:**

ROLL:FRAME:VIEW: 1:2and3: west facade, facing east  
ADDRESS: 237 Van Raalte Avenue

HISTORIC FUNCTION: Residential  
CURRENT FUNCTION: Residential  
OWNERSHIP: Private

ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION: Arts-and-Crafts

Main Building

Other Buildings/Features

FOUNDATION: Cement block  
WALLS: Stucco  
ROOF: Asphalt shingle  
OTHER:

Masonry garage, 1958

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:** The one-and-one-half story Arts-and-Crafts stucco house is built on a cement block foundation. Typical of the style is the shed-roof dormer with extended eaves and exposed roof rafters. The stone chimney and stone work on the front facade contrast the smooth stucco surfaces of the house. Groupings of single light windows appear to date from the period of construction while the larger glass expanses date from a later period. A cement and stone retaining wall extends the length of the property.

**HISTORY: City Directories:** 1921, no entry; 1924-25, Harry (Clara) Harrington (Manager of Austin Harrington, Fuel, Flour & Feed); 1927-28, same; 1931, same; 1934, same; 1938, same; 1942, same; 1947-48, same. **Tax Rolls:** 1882, this parcel not listed; 1885, Hope College - \$120; 1890, Hope College - \$150; 1891, Hope College - \$180; 1899, A. Whams - \$400 (3 lots).

**Sunburn Fire Insurance Maps:** 1883, area mapped - no house on lot; 1889, area mapped - no house on lot; 1893, area mapped - no house on lot; 1896, area mapped - no house on lot; 1902, area mapped - no house on lot; 1908, area mapped - no house on lot; 1916, area mapped - house not on lot; 1925, house appears on map.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: Circa 1922-1925

ORIGINAL OWNER:

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:** This house contributes to the architectural and historic integrity of the area because of its form, styling, and materials.

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT:** This house reinforces the historic housing stock as an example of the Arts-and-Crafts style of architecture that was built in Holland in the early twentieth century.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**



**HISTORIC NAME**

**OTHER NAMES**

**ADDRESS** 251 Van Raalte

**HISTORIC FUNCTIONS** Residential

**CURRENT FUNCTIONS** Residential

**OWNERSHIP** Private

**ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION** Bungalow

	Main Building	Other buildings/features
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	Cement block	
<b>WALLS</b>	Clapboard	
<b>ROOF</b>	Asphalt shingle	
<b>OTHER</b>		

**DESCRIPTION** This one and one half story bungalow sits on a cement block foundation and is capped by a side gabled asphalt shingle roof with exposed rafter ends on the eaves. A one story enclosed front gabled brick porch with a prominent battered brick pier at either end shelters the main entrance. Centered above the porch is a gabled dormer with three 3/1 windows.

**HISTORY** Assessors: 1927. City Directories: 1927, 1931, Henry TeRoller; 1936, vacant; 1942, Ralph A. Foote. Tax Rolls: 1901, Elmore E. Annis-\$600; 1909, same name-\$800.

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** 1927  
**ORIGINAL OWNER** Henry TeRoller

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT** This house contributes to the overall historic and architectural character of the study area.

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**HISTORIC NAME**

**OTHER NAMES**

**ADDRESS** 257 Van Raalte

**HISTORIC FUNCTIONS** Residential

**CURRENT FUNCTIONS** Residential

**OWNERSHIP** Private

**ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION** Dutch Colonial Revival

	Main Building	Other buildings/features
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	Concrete	
<b>WALLS</b>	Brick and modern synthetic siding	
<b>ROOF</b>	Asphalt shingle	
<b>OTHER</b>		

**DESCRIPTION** This one and one half story brick Dutch Colonial Revival sits on a concrete foundation and is capped by an asphalt shingle gambrel roof. A projecting entryway with a gabled Federal Revival porch with Tuscan columns and fanlights enhances the facade. Two bay windows flank either side of the door. A full width shed dormer in the second story facade has four shuttered 6/6 windows.

**HISTORY** Assessors: 1921. City Directories: 1931, Henry Vander Hill; 1936, Dennis O'Meara; 1942, William C. Reagan. Tax Rolls: 1901, James Rogers-\$600; 1909, same name-\$700.

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** C. 1920-30  
**ORIGINAL OWNER** Henry Vannder Hill

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT** This house contributes to the overall historic and architectural character of the study area.

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**HISTORIC NAME**

**OTHER NAMES**

**ADDRESS** 261 Van Raalte

**HISTORIC FUNCTIONS** Residential

**CURRENT FUNCTIONS** Residential

**OWNERSHIP** Private

**ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION** Minimal Traditional

	Main Building	Other buildings/features
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	Cement block	
<b>WALLS</b>	Modern synthetic siding over clapboard	
<b>ROOF</b>	Asphalt shingle	
<b>OTHER</b>		

**DESCRIPTION** This one story minimal traditional house sits on a cement block foundation and is capped by a cross gabled asphalt shingle roof. A small pedimented entry porch and a bay window containing four 1/1 double hung sash windows dominate the front facade.

**HISTORY** 'Assessors: 1940. City Directories: 1942, John M. Kornoelje.

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** John M. Kornoelje  
**ORIGINAL OWNER**

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE** C. 1940-42

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT** This house contributes to the overall historic and architectural character of the study area.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**



**HISTORIC NAME**

**OTHER NAMES**

**ADDRESS** 275 Van Raalte

**HISTORIC FUNCTIONS** Residential

**CURRENT FUNCTIONS** Residential

**OWNERSHIP** Private

**ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION** Gabled Ell

	Main Building	Other buildings/features
<b>FOUNDATION</b>	Cement block	
<b>WALLS</b>	Asbestos	
<b>ROOF</b>	Asphalt shingle	
<b>OTHER</b>		

**DESCRIPTION** This one and one half story gabled ell house rests on a cement block foundation and is capped by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. A one story enclosed porch with a gabled entryway runs the width of the side facing gable and houses the main entrance. A gabled front wall dormer is centered above it.

**HISTORY** City Directories: 1901, Takke Bontekoe, laborer; 1910, 1921, 1927, 1931, 1936, 1942, Takke Bontekoe, drayman. Tax Rolls: 1890, Dirk Hansen-\$175-2 lots; 1896, T. Bontekoe-\$400; 1901, same name-\$750; 1909, same name-\$1100.

**DATE OF CONSTRUCTION** C. 1900  
**ORIGINAL OWNER** Takke Bontekoe

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT** This house contributes to the overall historic and architectural character of the study area.

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