

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 7600 Allen Rd

**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland

**USGS Map Title** Ortonville  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

**Original Usage** Farmstead  
**Present Usage** Single-family residence

**Ownership** Daniel & Annette Knapper

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 1:11,12,13  
**View of Photo** SE,SW,NW  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

**Surveyor/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

**Site No.** 17-04  
**Sidwell No.** 08-17-300-019



11. Residence

**Description** Side-gabled Greek Revival house with a rubble stone foundation and chimney, and a pair of frieze band windows. Anachronistic features include vinyl siding and an enclosed front porch (added since 1991). Only two of the original nine-pane-over-six windows remain in the living room. Their interior trabeated window frames are distinctly Greek Revival in style. Two upstairs bedrooms were remodeled and the first floor bath and stairs were added in 1935. Further additions were made in 1956.

Also located on the property are several farm structures including a barn with a gable roof and rubble stone/concrete block foundation; a tool shed; a duck house; and a chicken house.

**Date of Construction** house-1845; barn-1900; additional farm structures-1935  
**Condition** all structures-good  
**Integrity** all structures-good

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

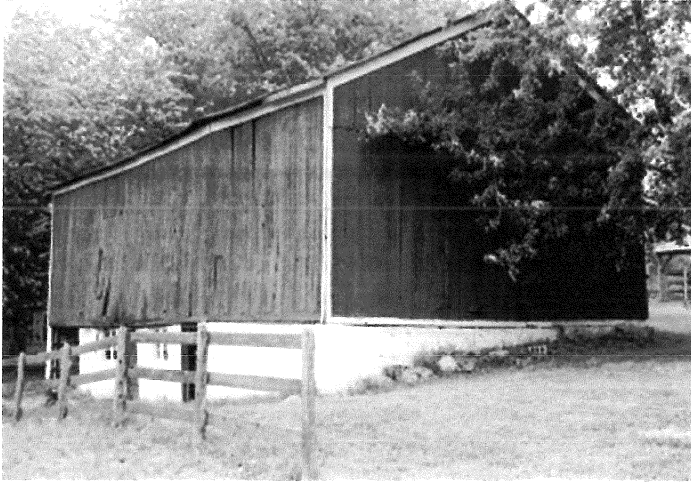
**Significance** The site is significant because it is one of the few properties left in the township with its original farmhouse and multiple farm structures.

**Bibliographic Reference** Riley, Mrs. (former owner). Personal communication. 1/21/91  
Additional references: Appendix A

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Sidwell No. 08-17-300-019



12. Tool shed, duck house and chicken house



13. Barn

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 8180 Allen Rd

**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland

**USGS Map Title** Ortonville  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

**Original Usage** Farmstead  
**Present Usage** Single-family residence

**Ownership** Emmett & Mary Hening

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 1:15  
**View of Photo** SW  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

**Surveyor/ Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

**Site No.** 17-03  
**Sidwell No.** 08-17-151-024



**Description** Side-gabled Greek Revival house with a one-story addition to the rear (1936), an attached two car garage addition (1905), an enclosed porch, and anachronistic exterior siding. The house lacks the wide trim band which typically emphasizes the cornice lines of Greek Revival houses.

**Date of Construction** 1860 (1991 survey-reference unknown)  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** poor

**Ownership**  
**History** See Appendix B

**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic**  
**Reference** See Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 8351 Allen Rd  
**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland  
**USGS Map Title** Ortonville  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96  
**Original Usage** Farmstead  
**Present Usage** Single-family residence  
**Ownership** Steven P. & Kathy A. Groulx  
**Photography**  
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**View of Photo** SW,S  
**Date of Photo** 8/98  
**Surveyor/ Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

**Site No.** 18-01  
**Sidwell No.** 08-18-200-025



16. Residence

**Description** This house has recently undergone significant renovations. The original house was a gable-front-and-wing Greek Revival house with a rubble stone foundation and a recessed front porch. Changes to the building that have occurred within the last year include the dramatic two-story addition to the north, which includes a garage on the ground level, and the application of a rubble stone exterior to the original gable front. These alterations have seriously effected the historic integrity of the house.

Also located on the property is a barn with a rubble stone foundation and gambrel roof.

**Date of Construction** house-1855; barn-1885  
**Condition** house-good; barn-good  
**Integrity** house-poor; barn-good

**Ownership**  
**History** See Appendix B

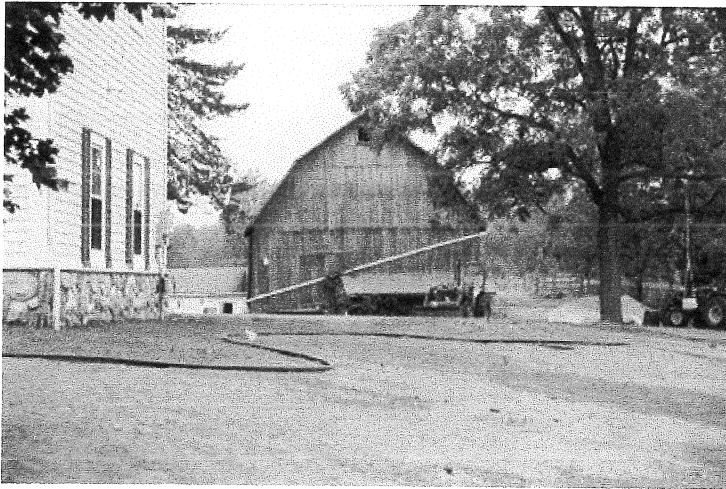
**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic** Webber, Gary & Karen (former owners). Personal communication. 1/10/91  
**Reference** Additional references: see Appendix A

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Sidwell No. 08-18-200-025



17. Barn

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 8591 Allen Rd

**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland

**USGS Map Title** Ortonville  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

**Original Usage** Farmstead  
**Present Usage** Single-family residence

**Ownership** Thomas Man-chick Ma

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 1:19  
**View of Photo** NW  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

**Surveyor/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

**Site No.** 07-02  
**Sidwell No.** 08-07-400-021



**Description** Two-story side-gabled Greek Revival house with a pair of freize band windows (minus the freize band), a one-story addition to the west and a rubble stone foundation. There have been many anachronistic changes to this structure including vinyl siding, a covered front porch, an attached garage and a one-story addition connecting it to the main house, and several window and door changes. In addition, the house lacks the wide trim band which typically emphasizes the cornice lines of Greek Revival homes.

**Date of Construction** 1873

**Condition** good

**Integrity** poor

**Ownership**

**History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This house is significant as part of the Edwin G. Clark land holdings. By 1872 Clark owned the southern three hundred and twenty acres in section 7. Edwin G. Clark was the son of Jeremiah Clark, an early land owner in Independence Township (see 07-05). E.G. Clark is credited for assisting in the organization of the township. He also served as constable for nine years, justice of the peace for twelve years and supervisor for four years. By 1896 the house was owned by Lawrence Clark, son of Edwin G. Clark. (see also 07-03)

### Bibliographic

**Reference** Everts, L. H. and Company, *History of Oakland County, Michigan*. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott and Company. 1877.

Chapman Bros., *Portrait and Biographical Album of Oakland County, Michigan*. Chicago: 1891.

Additional references: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 9345 Allen Rd

**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland

**USGS Map Title** Ortonville  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

**Original Usage** Farmstead  
**Present Usage** vacant

**Ownership** Richard L. Moon

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 7:1  
**View of Photo** SW  
**Date of Photo** 9/98

**Surveyor/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

**Site No.** 07-01  
**Sidwell No.** 08-07-200-015



**Description** All that remains on this property are the rubble stone ruins of a barn and an adjacent concrete and tile silo.

**Date of Construction** barn foundation-1925; silo-1910

**Condition** barn-ruins; silo-fair (missing cap)  
**Integrity** barn-poor; silo-fair

**Ownership**  
**History** See Appendix B

**Significance** The farm structures date from the era when the Allen family owned the site. The family farmed this property from at least 1896 to 1927 (plat maps). The property is located along Allen road, named for this family.

**Bibliographic**  
**Reference** See Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 9620 Allen Rd

**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland

**USGS Map Title** Ortonville

**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

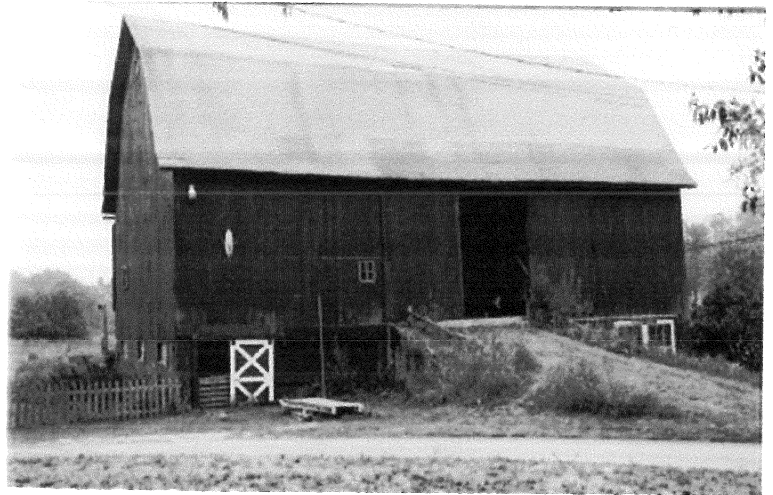
**Original Usage** Farmstead  
**Present Usage** Single-family residence

**Ownership** Larry A. & Michelle Stone

**Photography**  
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**View of Photo** SE  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

**Surveyor/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

**Site No.** 05-06  
**Sidwell No.** 08-05-300-037



**Description** Barn with a gambrel roof and a concrete foundation.

**Date of Construction** According to the WPA Rural Properties Inventory, a barn of this description was built in 1880.  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** good

**Ownership**  
**History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This barn is a good example of the gambrel roof barn which were commonly built within the township in the late 1800s.

**Bibliographic**  
**Reference** See Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 10081 Allen Rd

**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland

**USGS Map Title** Ortonville  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

**Original Usage** Farmstead (?)  
**Present Usage** single-family residence

**Ownership** Thomas & Kelly Gross

**Photography**  
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**View of Photo** W  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

**Surveyor/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998

**Site No.** 06-01  
**Sidwell No.** 08-06-200-028



### 23. Residence

**Description** One and one-half story house with an enclosed front porch and a dormer. The house sits on a rubble stone foundation, a foundation style which does not fit with the construction date of house. Perhaps the current house was built upon the foundation of an earlier home, or the stone of an earlier home was re-used to build this foundation. A house had existed on this property as early as 1872 (township plat map-1872). Another explanation could be that the construction date actually reflects a renovation date, indicating that major renovations of the structure occurred in 1934.

Also located on the property are a small barn with gambrel roof and an additional small farm structure.

**Date of Construction** house-1934; farm structures-unknown (They were probably built after 1939, did not appear on the WPA Rural Properties Inventory.)

**Condition** house-good; farm structures-good  
**Integrity** house-good; farm structures-good

**Ownership**  
**History** See Appendix B

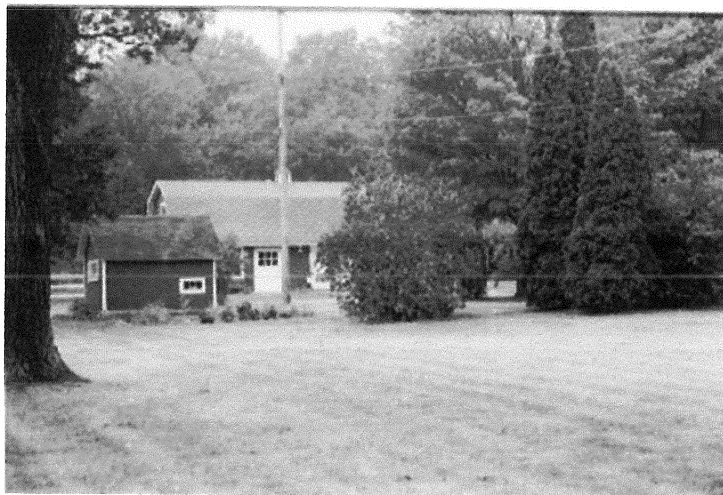
**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic**  
**Reference** See Appendix A

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**Site No.** 06-01  
**Sidwell No.** 08-06-200-028



24. Barn and small outbuilding

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 10270 Allen Rd

**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland

**USGS Map Title** Ortonville  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

**Original Usage** Farmstead  
**Present Usage** Single-family residential

**Ownership** Irvin D. Bond

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 3:25 1:21,22  
**View of Photo** SE NE,E  
**Date of Photo** 1/91 8/98

**Surveyor/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

**Site No.** 05-05  
**Sidwell No.** 08-05-101-053



25. Residence

**Description** Two-story L-plan Gothic Revival house with a dominant front gable and several distinctive gable dormers. The house sits on a rubble stone foundation and has decorative window crowns. A one-story addition stands on the east side of the house. According to the WPA Rural Property Inventory, anachronistic enclosed front porch, with rubble stone half walls, was added to the house prior to 1939.

Also located on the property is a barn with a gambrel roof and stone foundation, and a newly constructed two-car garage with double dormers, that replaced the original garage built in 1889. Today the property contains over thirty acres, with several landscape remnants remaining from the original farm including mature shade and fruit trees, fence rows, and an open field. The owner raises a small herd of lamas.

**Date of Construction** house-1889, barn-1889; new garage-1989  
**Condition** house-good; barn-good  
**Integrity** all structures-good; farm landscape-good

**Ownership**  
**History** See Appendix B

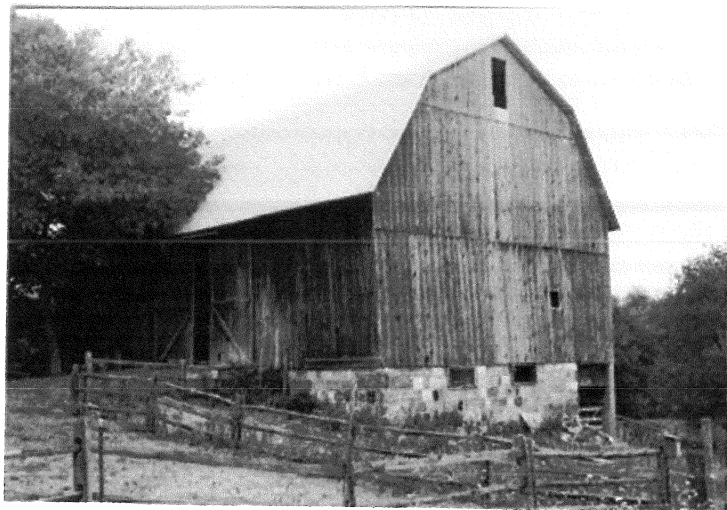
**Significance** The site is significant as one of the few properties identified during the survey which best reflect the rural agricultural past of Independence Township. The house and barn were built by W.F. Pierce in 1889. According to the 1908 plat map of the township, the property was known as the "Maple Side Farm." The Pierce family owned the property until at least the late 1930s.

**Bibliographic Reference** Bond, Irvin D. and son. Personal communication. August 1998.  
Additional references: see Appendix A

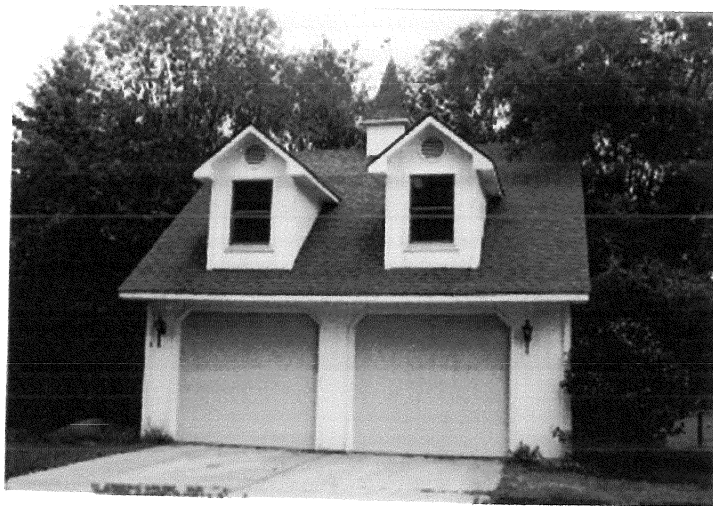
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Sidwell No. 08-05-101-053



21. Barn

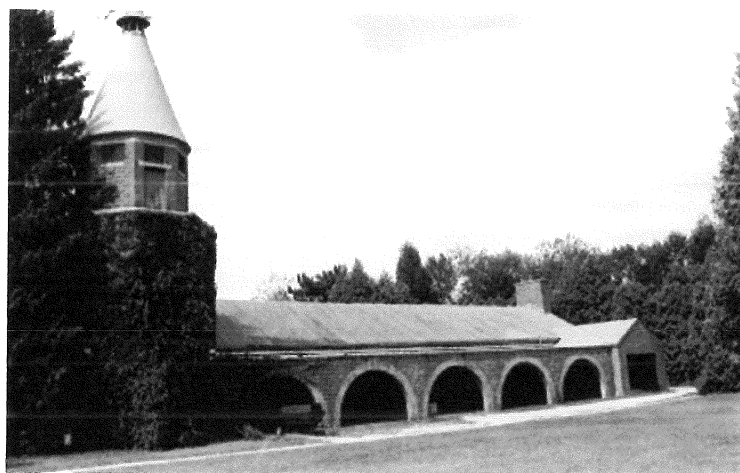


22. Garage - built 1989

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 6970 Andersonville Rd  
**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland  
**USGS Map Title** Clarkston  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
 Street Address Map - 2/14/96  
**Original Usage** Boy Scout camp  
**Present Usage** Bay Court Township Park  
**Ownership** Independence Township  
**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 5:28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35  
**View of Photo** SE,SW,NW,NE,S,S,S,S  
**Roll: Frame No.** 6:0,1,2,3,4,5,6  
**View of Photo** SW,SE,NE,NE,SE,NE,  
**Date of Photo** 8/98  
**Surveyor/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998

**Site No.** 32-05  
**Sidwell No.** 08-32-301-002



5. Brady Lodge

**Description** Boy Scout Lodge constructed of concrete block with red brick trim. This large building has an impressive circular tower, topped in copper. Also associated with the Boy Scout camp and located on the site are a concrete block garage (same block type as those used on the lodge) and four small log cabins. In 1937, the scout camp comprised 28.5 acres.

There are several other buildings located on the old camp property, these were probably constructed by the Boy Scouts after 1937, or were built by the church group that purchased the camp from the Boy Scouts ca. late 1940s. These buildings include: one small log building; three similar wood frame buildings with concrete foundations, two with cross gables; one wood frame building with a concrete foundation and vinyl siding; one small wood frame building with a concrete post foundation and aluminum siding; one larger wood frame building with a covered porch and a brick chimney.

**Date of Construction** lodge-1921(burnt),1926(rebuilt); four log cabins-1921 (there were originally eight); garage-ca. 1926; additional buildings-unknown, probably post 1939 (did not appear in the WPA Rural Properties Inventory).

**Condition** all buildings-good to fair  
**Integrity** all buildings-good

**Ownership**  
**History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This site is significant because of its association with the Boy Scout Camp located on the site ca. 1920s to 1940s. The lodge is an impressive, architecturally significant building, contrasting significantly with the simple, rugged sleeping cabins.

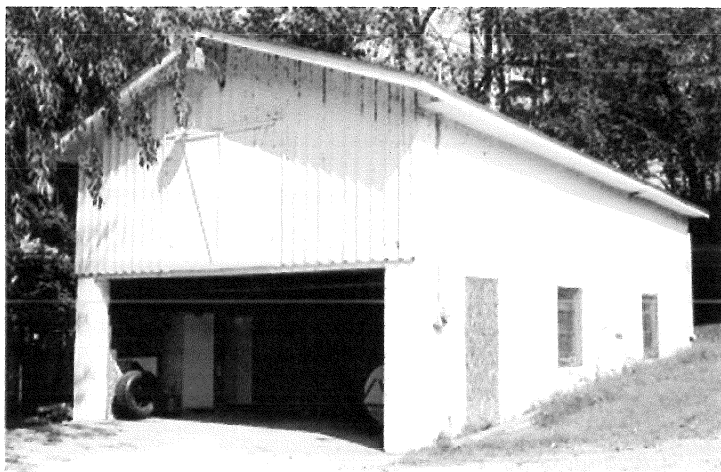
**Bibliographic Reference** Hurdon, John Dyer. Personal communication. 8/98. Mr. Hurdon is responsible for a Boy Scout Museum in the Detroit Area. He has photos of the camp during the time period that the site was owned by the Boy Scouts.

Additional References: see Appendix

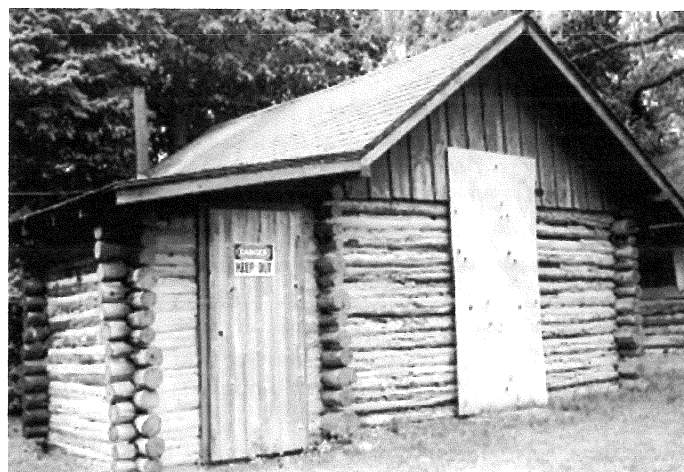
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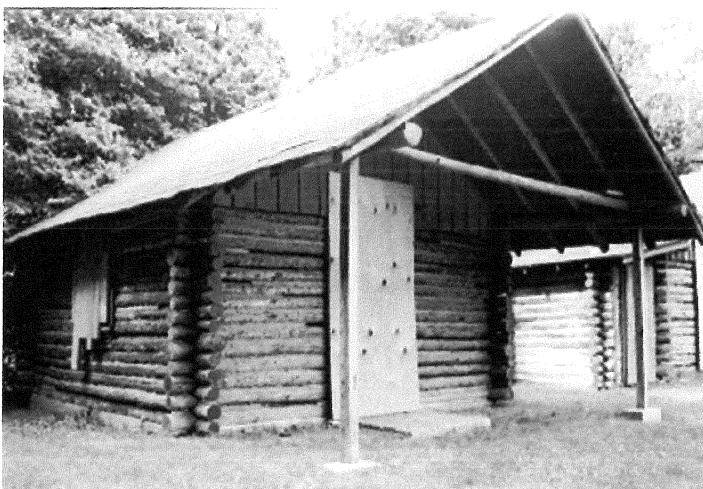
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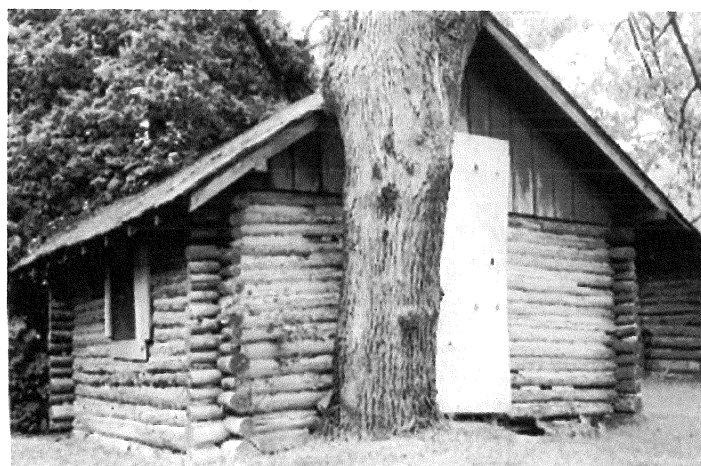
2. Garage (adjacent to Brady Lodge)



32. Log cabin (1 of 4)



33. Log cabin (2 of 4)



34. Log cabin (3 of 4)



35. Log cabin (4 of 4)

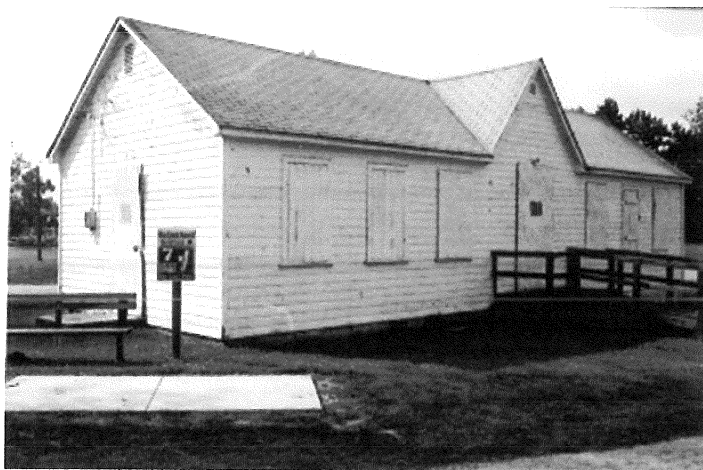


36. Log building

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Sidwell No. 08-32-301-002



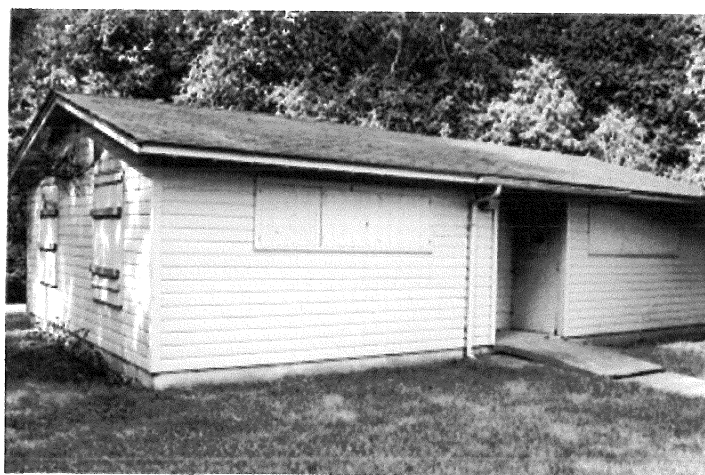
28. Wood frame building (1 of 2)



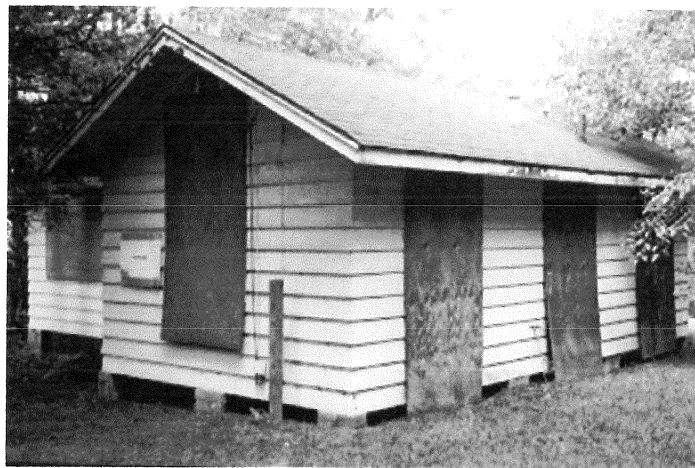
29. Wood frame building (2 of 2)



30. Wood frame building



0. Wood frame building (vinyl siding)



1. Small wood frame building (aluminum siding)



2. Wood frame building (brick chimney)

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 7256 Andersonville Rd

**Governmental Unit** Independence Township  
**County** Oakland

**USGS Map Title** Clarkston  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

**Original Usage** Single-family residence  
**Present Usage** Single-family residence

**Ownership** Paula M. Kasper

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 7:3  
**View of Photo** N  
**Date of Photo** 9/98

**Surveyor/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998

**Site No.** 31-01  
**Sidwell No.** 08-31-476-009



**Description** Craftsman style bungalow with an enclosed front porch, rubble stone half-walls and chimney, decorative braces under the eaves, and wood-shingled gables. An additional rubble stone wall is located along the east side of the driveway. Attached to the house is a one car-garage.

**Date of Construction** 1930

**Condition** good  
**Integrity** good

**Ownership**

**History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This house is architecturally significant as a good example of the Craftsman-style bungalow built in the early 1900s. It is also significant as an example of the stone exterior structures commonly built within the township during the 1920s & 1930s.

**Bibliographic**

**Reference** See Appendix A