

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 9900 Dartmouth Rd

**Site No.** 01-02  
**Sidwell No.** 08-01-301-001

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

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

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

**Ownership** Suzanne Ozinski

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 8:19A  
**View of Photo** E  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

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



**Description** One and one-half story side-gabled Greek Revival house with a rubble stone foundation. Changes to the structure include the enclosure of the original covered front porch and the anachronistic exterior siding. The gable end cornice lines still possess the wide band of trim typically found on Greek Revival buildings.

**Date of Construction** 1870 (WPA Rural Property Inventory) The actual date may be earlier- 1870 is late for Greek Revival houses.

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

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 10410 Dartmouth Rd.

**Site No.** 01-01  
**Sidwell No.** 08-01-100-003

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

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

**Original Usage** Farmstead  
**Present Usage** Single-family residence  
& tree farm

**Ownership** Donald L. Moran

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 3:25,26,27,28,29,30,31  
**View of Photo** SE,NE,SW,E,W,NE,E  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

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



28. Residence

**Description** Gable-front-and-wing Greek Revival house, with a rubble stone foundation. Anachronistic changes to the structure include the enclosure of the original small recessed front porch, the loss of the wide trim band which typically emphasizes the cornice lines of Greek Revival homes, the addition of an exterior chimney to the facade, and the covering of all but one of the exterior walls with anachronistic stone (facade) or aluminum siding (back and one side).

Farm structures include two large barns with gable roofs, a corn crib, and a stone well house. According to the current owners, one of the large barns (west) was moved onto the property by former owners from another farm on Indianwood Road. They also believe that the stone well house is very old; however, the WPA Rural Property Inventory (1939) indicates that it was built in 1936. The other large barn (east) still has its wooden roof shingles and may date from the 1850s (similar barn indicated on the WPA Rural Property Inventory). Also found on the property is a partial foundation from an additional barn, and an alley of sugar maple trees, which originally lined the entry drive to the property.

**Date of Construction** house-1850; barn (west) unknown; barn (east) possibly from 1850; corn crib-1900; pump house 1936

**Condition** house-good; barn (west) fair; barn (east) poor; corn crib-fair; well house-good

**Integrity** house-fair; barns-good; corncrib-fair; well house-good

**Ownership**

**History** See Appendix B

**Significance** The property is significant as the home of Moses Case, the first treasurer of the Union Burying Grounds located just west of the Case farmstead. Today, the burying grounds is called the Case Cemetery. The property is also significant because it is one of the few properties left in the township with its original farm house and multiple farm structures.

**Bibliographic** Oakland County Office of Deeds

**Reference**

Moran, Mr. & Mrs. Personal communication. 8/98

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

Additional references: see Appendix A



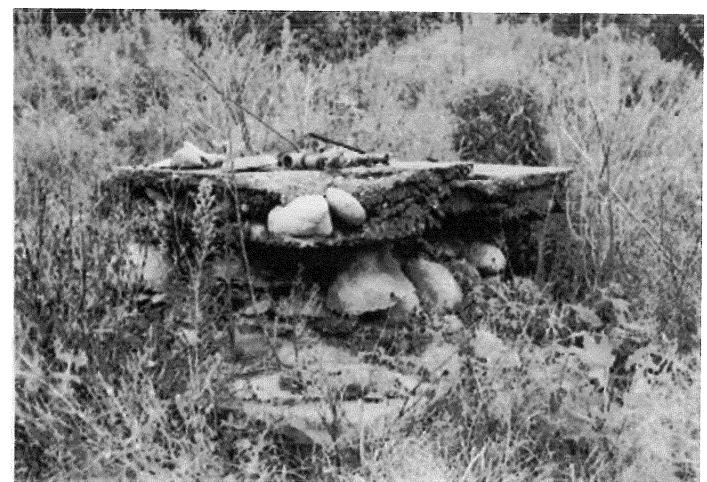
**Address**

10410 Dartmouth Rd

**Site No.** 01-01

27. Barn (SW view)

29. Milk House



## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	10415 Dartmouth (Case Cemetery)	Site No. 02-01 Sidwell No. 08-02-200-001
Governmental Unit County	Independence Township Oakland	
USGS Map Title Area Map	Oxford Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
Original Usage Present Usage	Cemetery Cemetery	
Ownership	Independence Township	
Photography		
Roll: Frame No.	3:24	
View of Photo	SE	
Date of Photo	8/98	
Surveyor/Date Recorder/Date	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998 D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998	



**Description** Small rural cemetery enclosed in a six foot chain-linked fence with a locked gate. The majority of the stones date back to the early settlement period of the township.

**Date of Construction** ca. 1836  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** good

**Ownership  
History** See Appendix B

**Significance** Case Cemetery, one of the earliest cemeteries in the township, is a significant historic landscape. Established in 1836, this half acre parcel was first known as the Union Burying-Grounds. The first interment was that of an infant. An association of men oversaw the maintenance of the cemetery, including the erection of a fence around its perimeter. The first treasurer of the association was Moses Case.

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

Additional references: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 7341 Deer Lake Rd

**Site No.** 30-01

**Sidwell No.** 08-30-251-005

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



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

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

**Ownership** Mrs. Frank A. Crowley

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 5.9  
**View of Photo** S  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

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

**Description** So many changes have been made to this house that its original character has been obscured. The house has three main sections which form an 'L'. The one and one-half story corner section of the 'L' has a dormer window at the facade. The house has anachronistic windows and siding. In addition to demolishing a front porch, the current owners also built a small addition on the west side of the house.

There is a brick lined subterranean room on the property, discovered by the gas company, that the owner suspects was used as a part of the Underground Railroad to hide fugitive slaves.

Also located on the property is a small stucco barn, which was built in 1934 and now serves as a garage.

**Date of Construction** house- ca. 1836 (1991 survey- reference unknown), 1880 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory, possibly a remodel date)

**Condition** house-good; barn/garage-good  
**Integrity** house-poor; barn/garage-poor

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

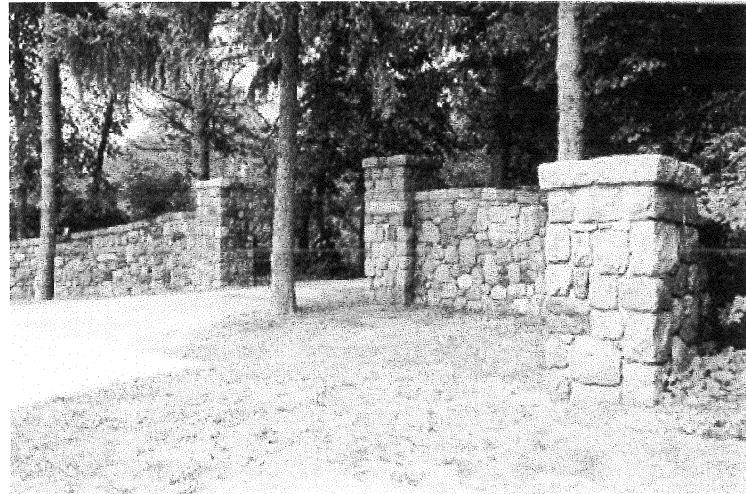
**Significance** The property is potentially significant as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

**Bibliographic Reference** Crowley, Frank. Personal communication. 1/8/91

Additional references: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	(no address) Dixie Hwy	<b>Site No.</b> 19-02 <b>Sidwell No.</b> .....
<b>Governmental Unit</b> <b>County</b>	Independence Township Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b> <b>Area Map</b>	Clarkston Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage</b> <b>Present Usage</b>	Entrance - Deer Lake Farm Entrance - Deer Lake Subdivision	
<b>Ownership</b>	.....	
<b>Photography</b>		
<b>Roll: Frame No.</b>	5:8	
<b>View of Photo</b>	NE	
<b>Date of Photo</b>	8/98	
<b>Surveyor/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
<b>Recorder/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998	



**Description** Stone walls standing at the Dixie Highway entrance to the Deer Lake Subdivision. A plaque on the eastern wall reads: "Deer Lake Farm, Erected in Loving Memory of James B. Delbridge & Ellen J. Delbridge"

**Date of Construction** 1928

**Condition** good

**Integrity** good

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

**Significance** In 1930 W.H. Noble owned the property, which encompassed one hundred acres along the southern edge of Deer Lake. In the 1930s the property was divided into two sections, one developed into the Deer Lake Subdivision.  
(see also 19-01)

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

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	5859 Dixie Hwy	<b>Site No.</b> 33-10 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 99-10-585-910
<b>Governmental Unit</b>	Independence Township	
<b>County</b>	Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Clarkston	
<b>Area Map</b>	Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage</b>	.....	
<b>Present Usage</b>	Rods House of Style	
<b>Ownership</b>	Rods House of Style	
<b>Photography</b>		
<b>Roll: Frame No.</b>	5:25	
<b>View of Photo</b>	SW	
<b>Date of Photo</b>	8/98	
<b>Surveyor/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
<b>Recorder/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998	



**Description** Two-story rectangular building with a gable roof and a dormer window. Several changes have been made on the facade facing Dixie Highway since the 1991 Historic Structures Survey including the replacement of the two upstairs windows with arched windows, and the replacement of anachronistic siding with a stucco finish.

**Date of Construction** unknown  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** undetermined

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

**Significance** Undetermined

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

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 5863 Dixie Hwy

**Site No.** 33-09

**Sidwell No.** .....

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

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

**Original Usage** ....  
**Present Usage** Business

**Ownership** ....

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 5:24  
**View of Photo** SW  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

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



**Description** Two-story rectangular building with a gable roof, an enclosed porch, and a one-story addition.

**Date of Construction** unknown

**Condition** good

**Integrity** undetermined

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

**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic**  
**Reference** Additional references: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	5864 Dixie Hwy	<b>Site No.</b> 33-06 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-33-357-001
<b>Governmental Unit</b> <b>County</b>	Independence Township Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b> <b>Area Map</b>	Clarkston Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage</b> <b>Present Usage</b>	Commercial Building Restaurant	
<b>Ownership</b>	David Kurko	
<b>Photography</b> <b>Roll: Frame No.</b>	5:23	
<b>View of Photo</b>	NE	
<b>Date of Photo</b>	8/98	
<b>Surveyor/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
<b>Recorder/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998	



**Description** Brick two-story commercial building with the name "Foley" on the facade. A one-story contemporary addition has been added to the facade of the structure.

**Date of Construction** unknown

**Condition** good

**Integrity** fair

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	5941 Dixie Hwy	<b>Site No.</b> 33-07 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-33-351-025
<b>Governmental Unit</b>	Independence Township	
<b>County</b>	Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Clarkston	
<b>Area Map</b>	Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage</b>	Farmstead	
<b>Present Usage</b>	Single-family residence	
<b>Ownership</b>	Valentin & Sally J. Goldner	
<b>Photography</b>		
<b>Roll: Frame No.</b>	5:27	
<b>View of Photo</b>	SW	
<b>Date of Photo</b>	8/98	
<b>Surveyor/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
<b>Recorder/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998	



**Description** Originally a simple structure built for a farm supervisor, the house was extensively remodeled in 1934. Changes made to the original structure include: the construction of a two-car garage and a porch connecting it to the house, the extension of the facade with a fireplace addition, and the construction of an addition housing two bedrooms and a bath built on the south side of the house.

This house is associated with site 33-08. Both of these sites were originally located on the same farmstead.

**Date of Construction** 1918  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** undetermined

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic Reference** Howieson, Horace (former owner). Personal communication. 1991.  
 Additional references: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 5992 Dixie Hwy

**Site No.** 33-03

**Sidwell No.** .....

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

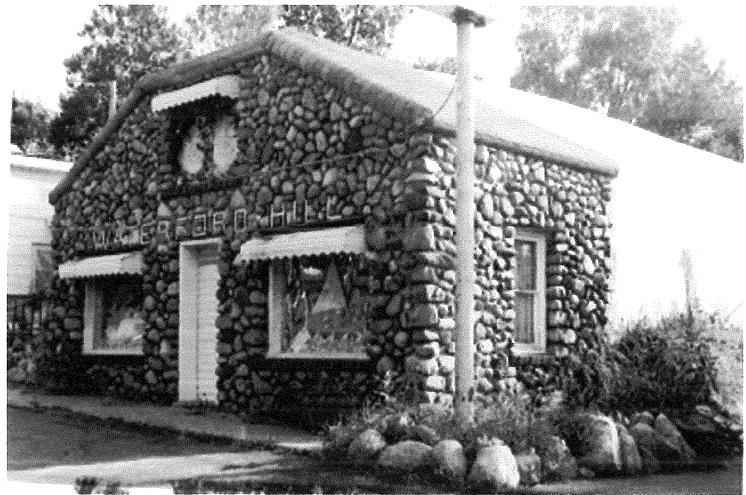
**USGS Map Title** Clarkston  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
 Street Address Map - 2/14/96

**Original Usage** Florist/Greenhouse  
**Present Usage** Waterford Hill Florist & Greenhouse

**Ownership** .....

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 5:19  
**View of Photo** NE  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

**Surveyor/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998



**Description** Florist shop with a rubble stone facade, and an attached green house. To the north of the structure is another building, connected to the stone facade building by a small enclosed walkway.

**Date of Construction** ca. 1923

**Condition** good

**Integrity** good

**Ownership**

**History** See Appendix B

**Significance** The structure is architecturally significant as a good example of the stone exterior structures that were typically built within the township during the 1920s & 1930s.

**Bibliographic Reference** Employee at Florist shop. Personal communication. August 1998

Additional references: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	6485 Dixie Hwy	Site No. 32-01 Sidwell No. 08-32-227-007
Governmental Unit County	Independence Township Oakland	
USGS Map Title Area Map	Clarkston Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
Original Usage Present Usage	Farmstead Realtor Office	
Ownership	Wilhelm Properties Inc.	
Photography		
Roll: Frame No.	5:10	
View of Photo	SE	
Date of Photo	8/98	
Surveyor/Date	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
Recorder/Date	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998	



**Description** Gable-front-and-wing Greek Revival house with a rubble stone foundation and a small recessed front porch. Unhewn tree trunks can be seen in the basement's structural system. Much of the house's hardware is original. An addition with anachronistic vinyl siding was constructed on the west of the house (date unknown). A handicapped ramp stands in the corner between this ramp and the house's main wing. The house has an anachronistic chimney.

The 1908 township plat map identified the farmstead associated with this house as the "Mountain View Farm."

**Date of Construction** 1840 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory)  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** good

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** The house is architecturally significant as a good example of the Greek Revival style of houses that were typically constructed within the township. It is one of the best remaining examples in the southern sections of the township.

It is also significant as the site of the Moon farmstead. Stephen Moon owned the property as early as 1857 (plat map), and the Moon family owned the property for over fifty years. The Moon farm was one of the township's most prosperous farms in the 19th century.

**Bibliographic Reference** Radcliff, Jennifer (ed.) *Heritage: A Pictorial History of Independence Township and the Village of Clarkston*. Clarkston, Michigan: Clarkston Community Historical Society. 1976.

Realty agent. Personal communication. 1/18/91

Additional references: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	7900 Dixie Hwy	<b>Site No.</b> 19-01 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-19-301-027
<b>Governmental Unit</b> <b>County</b>	Independence Township Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b> <b>Area Map</b>	Clarkston Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage</b> <b>Present Usage</b>	Farmstead Single-family residence	
<b>Ownership</b>	Arthur L. Rose Jr.	
<b>Photography</b> <b>Roll: Frame No.</b>	5:6,7	
<b>View of Photo</b>	NE,NE	
<b>Date of Photo</b>	8/98	
<b>Surveyor/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
<b>Recorder/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998	



6. Residence

**Description** Gable-front-and-wing house with a stone foundation, clapboard siding and a covered front porch with Craftsman style roof supports, probably an early 20th century addition. The house has anachronistic decorative shutters.

Also located on the property is a barn, which has been converted into a residence, a multi-stalled garage, and several small outbuildings. Only one of these structures was photographed, the others were visually obstructed by vegetation.

The 1908 township plat map identifies this site as "Deer Lake Farm."

**Date of Construction** house- ca. late 1800;  
**Condition** house-fair; additional structures-undetermined  
**Integrity** house-good; additional structures-undetermined

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

**Significance** In 1930 W.H. Noble owned the property, which encompassed one hundred acres along the southern edge of Deer Lake. In the 1930s the property was divided into two sections, one developed into the Deer Lake Subdivision. (see also 19-02)

**Bibliographic Reference** Rose, Mrs. Personal communication. 1/15/91  
 Additional references: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

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Sidwell No. 08-19-301-027



7. Outbuilding