

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address Lakeview Cemetery

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

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

Original Usage cemetery
Present Usage cemetery

Ownership Independence Township

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 6:12
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

Site No. 29-03
Sidwell No. 08-29-151-001



Description Large cemetery located just south of Clarkston, with historic as well as contemporary head stones.

Date of Construction ca. 1850
Condition good
Integrity good

Site History See Appendix B

Significance The cemetery is a significant historical landscape located within the township. The original cemetery consisted of three acres of ground secured from the farm of William Van Syckle. In 1850 the cemetery passed into the hands of an association and it was named "Clarkston Union Cemetery." In 1870 an additional six acres were added to the original tract. The first interment was in 1851. By ca. 1900 the cemetery was known as Lakeview Cemetery.

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

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

Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6290 South Main St

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 Shannon Wawruck & M. Lynch

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 3:14
View of Photo NE
Date of Photo 1/91

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

Site No. 29-02
Sidwell No. 08-29-206-001



Description T-plan Greek Revival house with a pair of wings flanking a central block. The house has a typical Greek Revival front portico. There is an addition with a bay window extending from the southern wing. The interior of this house was remodeled between the years 1966 and 1977.

Date of Construction ca. 1855
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This house is architecturally significant as a good example of the Greek Revival style. This is the only Greek Revival house found within the township that has a pair of matching wings on opposite sides of the front entrance.

Bibliographic Reference Saile, Mr. & Mrs. (former owners). Personal communication. 1/8/91 & 5/23/91.
Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 2400 Mann Rd

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

USGS Map Title Pontiac North
Area Map Independence Fire Department
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership The Apostolic Church of Christ

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 4:34
View of Photo NW
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 36-01
Sidwell No. 08-36-451-002



Description Two-story T-plan house with a rubble stone foundation, a gable roof, several covered porches, and decorative window crowns. An anachronistic rubble stone chimney is located on the east side of the structure.

Date of Construction 1893
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership History See Appendix B

Significance This structure is architecturally significant as a good example of the farm houses built within the township during the late 19th century.

Bibliographic Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 4531 Maybee Rd

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

USGS Map Title Pontiac North
Area Map Independence Fire Department
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Edna M. Tate

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 4:31,32
View of Photo S,SE
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 25-01
Sidwell No. 08-25-427-001



32. Residence

Description Gable-front-and-wing house with a covered front porch. Anachronistic features include the decorative shutters, exterior siding and enclosed porch addition, constructed after 1939 (not included in the WPA Rural Properties Inventory).

Date of Construction house-unknown (remodeled in 1930-WPA Rural Properties Inventory);
barn-ca. 1890s (WPA rural inventory)

Condition house-good; barn-good
Integrity house-fair; barn-good

Ownership History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Reference Tate, Edna. Personal communication. 1/91
Additional references: see Appendix A

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Address 4531 Maybee Rd
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Site No. 25-01
Sidwell No. 08-25-427-001



31. Barn

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5331 Maybee Rd

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

USGS Map Title Pontiac North
Area Map Independence Fire Department
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

Original Usage Church & Cemetery
Present Usage Lighthouse North Care Givers
& Cemetery

Ownership Sashabaw United Methodist Church

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 11:7 3:5
View of Photo SE W
Date of Photo 2/91 8/98

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

Site No. 35-03
Sidwell No. 08-35-126-014



7. Church

Description Gable front Greek Revival church with a new cement basement foundation and a small addition to the rear. The original steeple was replaced in 1958. Church construction began in 1856 when wood was brought in by sleigh from Lapeer and Kings Mills, Michigan. The church was built and furnished for three thousand dollars. The original chandeliers are still in use (converted from oil to gas).

Associated with the church is the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery. Although there were burials in the cemetery as early as 1836, the Sashabaw Burial Association was not formed until 1849. The association was charged with "fencing, improving, ornamenting and keeping the burying ground in proper care." In 1949 the cemetery grounds were enlarged.

Date of Construction church-1856; cemetery-1836 (first burials)
Condition church-good; cemetery-good
Integrity church-good; cemetery-good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance The church is architecturally significant as a good example of the Greek Revival church architecture. It is also significant because it is the oldest church structure located within the township.

The cemetery is a significant landscape within the township.

Bibliographic Reference Cleveland, Mrs. Theodore Ethel Phillips Barnett, *History of United Presbyterian Church*. (Essay presented to Clarkston Pioneer Meeting, 10/28/71)

Michigan Historical Commission - Historical Register nomination form - local site No. 30.

Michigan Historical Commission - Historical Marker - local site No. 58

Additional references: see Appendix A

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Address 5331 Maybee Rd
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Site No. 35-03
Sidwell No. 08-35-126-014



5. Cemetery

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5585 Maybee Rd

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

USGS Map Title Pontiac North
Area Map Independence Fire Department
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Eric & Allison Schulte

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 3:4
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

Site No. 34-01
Sidwell No. 08-34-226-001



Description Gable-front-and-wing Greek Revival house with a rubble stone foundation, and a one-story addition. Anachronistic features include the windows and the brick chimney. The house lacks the wide band of trim which typically emphasizes the cornice lines of Greek Revival homes.

Date of Construction 1837
Condition good
Integrity poor

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Oakland County Office of Deeds
Reference Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5794 Maybee Rd

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

Ownership

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 3:6
View of Photo E
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 27-02
Sidwell No.



Description Two-story gable-front-and-wing house with a one-story addition to the rear, a rubble stone foundation and an anachronistic enclosed front porch.

Date of Construction 1875
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	5931 Maybee Rd	Site No. 34-03 Sidwell No. 08-34-103-022
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 Single-family residence	
Ownership	Gerald A. Wall	
Photography Roll: Frame No. View of Photo Date of Photo	7:4 (back view) NW 9/98	
Surveyor/Date Recorder/Date	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998 D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998	

Description Two-story rectangular house with a hip roof and a rubble stone foundation. The house has anachronistic aluminum siding. It also appears that some of the windows have been moved and/or replaced. A small enclosed porch stands on the south side of the structure.

Date of Construction 1875
Condition good
Integrity poor

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6091 Maybee 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 residential
Present Usage Single-family residential

Ownership Carol Smith

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 3:8
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

Site No. 33-01
Sidwell No. 08-33-226-021



Description One and one-half story Craftsman style bungalow with a concrete foundation, a rubblestone chimney and front porch supports, decorative braces under the eaves and a pair of dormer windows on the facade.

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 decades of the 20th century. 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

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6201 Maybee Rd

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 James L. Nelsen

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 6:13
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

Site No. 33-02
Sidwell No. 08-33-203-001



Description Two-story T-plan house with a rubble stone foundation, a covered front porch, Carpenter Gothic barge board ornamentation in the front gable, a bay window with Italic barge boards, and decorative window crowns. The house has anachronistic exterior siding.

Date of Construction 1894
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance The house is architecturally significant because it is one of the best extant examples of the late 19th century farm houses that were built in the township, retaining many of its decorative exterior features.

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6450 Maybee Rd

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 Glen Underwood

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 3:2
View of Photo N
Date of Photo 1/91

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

Site No. 28-02
Sidwell No. 08-28-351-035



Description Two-story side-gabled Greek Revival house with a two-story addition attached to the northwest corner (prior to 1939, shown on the WPA Rural Properties Inventory). There have been many anachronistic changes to this structure including: a rubble stone chimney, a dormer window over covered porch, and the removal of typical Greek Revival facade windows.

The 1908 township plat map identifies this site as the "Maple Ridge Farm."

Date of Construction 1838
Condition good
Integrity poor

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A