

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

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| <b>Address</b>           | Lakeview Cemetery  | <b>Site No.</b> 29-03<br><b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-29-151-001 |
| <b>Governmental Unit</b> | Independence Township  |   |
| <b>County</b>            | Oakland  |   |
| <b>USGS Map Title</b>    | Clarkston  |   |
| <b>Area Map</b>          | Independence Fire Department<br>Street Address Map - 2/14/96 |   |
| <b>Original Usage</b>    | cemetery   |   |
| <b>Present Usage</b>     | cemetery   |   |
| <b>Ownership</b>         | Independence Township  |   |
| <b>Photography</b>       |  |   |
| <b>Roll: Frame No.</b>   | 6:12   |   |
| <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** 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 internment 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

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|--------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Address</b>           | 6290 South Main St   | <b>Site No.</b> 29-02<br><b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-29-206-001 |
| <b>Governmental Unit</b> | Independence Township  |   |
| <b>County</b>            | Oakland  |   |
| <b>USGS Map Title</b>    | Clarkston  |   |
| <b>Area Map</b>          | Independence Fire Department<br>Street Address Map - 2/14/96 |   |
| <b>Original Usage</b>    | Farmstead  |   |
| <b>Present Usage</b>     | Single-family residence                                      |   |
| <b>Ownership</b>         | Shannon Wawruck & M. Lynch                                   |   |
| <b>Photography</b>       |  |   |
| <b>Roll: Frame No.</b>   | 3:14   |   |
| <b>View of Photo</b>     | NE   |   |
| <b>Date of Photo</b>     | 1/91   |   |
| <b>Surveyor/Date</b>     | D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998                             |   |
| <b>Recorder/Date</b>     | D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998                               |   |



**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

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|--------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Address</b>           | 2400 Mann Rd   | <b>Site No.</b> 36-01<br><b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-36-451-002 |
| <b>Governmental Unit</b> | Independence Township  |   |
| <b>County</b>            | Oakland  |   |
| <b>USGS Map Title</b>    | Pontiac North  |   |
| <b>Area Map</b>          | Independence Fire Department<br>Street Address Map - 2/14/96 |   |
| <b>Original Usage</b>    | Farmstead  |   |
| <b>Present Usage</b>     | Single-family residence                                      |   |
| <b>Ownership</b>         | The Apostolic Church of Christ                               |   |
| <b>Photography</b>       |  |   |
| <b>Roll: Frame No.</b>   | 4:34   |   |
| <b>View of Photo</b>     | NW   |   |
| <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 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

|                          |  |   |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Address</b>           | 4531 Maybee Rd   | <b>Site No.</b> 25-01<br><b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-25-427-001 |
| <b>Governmental Unit</b> | Independence Township  |   |
| <b>County</b>            | Oakland  |   |
| <b>USGS Map Title</b>    | Pontiac North  |   |
| <b>Area Map</b>          | Independence Fire Department<br>Street Address Map - 2/14/96 |   |
| <b>Original Usage</b>    | Farmstead  |   |
| <b>Present Usage</b>     | Single-family residence                                      |   |
| <b>Ownership</b>         | Edna M. Tate   |   |
| <b>Photography</b>       |  |   |
| <b>Roll: Frame No.</b>   | 4:31,32  |   |
| <b>View of Photo</b>     | S,SE   |   |
| <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                               |   |



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



31. Barn

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 5331 Maybee Rd **Site No.** 35-03  
**Governmental Unit** Independence Township **Sidwell No.** 08-35-126-014  
**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



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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Sidwell No. 08-35-126-014



5. Cemetery

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

|                          |  |   |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Address</b>           | 5585 Maybee Rd   | <b>Site No.</b> 34-01<br><b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-34-226-001 |
| <b>Governmental Unit</b> | Independence Township  |   |
| <b>County</b>            | Oakland  |   |
| <b>USGS Map Title</b>    | Pontiac North  |   |
| <b>Area Map</b>          | Independence Fire Department<br>Street Address Map - 2/14/96 |   |
| <b>Original Usage</b>    | Farmstead  |   |
| <b>Present Usage</b>     | Single-family residence                                      |   |
| <b>Ownership</b>         | Eric & Allison Schulte                                       |   |
| <b>Photography</b>       |  |   |
| <b>Roll: Frame No.</b>   | 3:4  |   |
| <b>View of Photo</b>     | S  |   |
| <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                               |   |



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|--------------------|---|
| <b>Description</b> | 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. |
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**Date of Construction** 1837

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| <b>Condition</b> | good |
| <b>Integrity</b> | poor |

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| <b>Ownership History</b> | See Appendix B |
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| <b>Significance</b> | Undetermined |
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| <b>Bibliographic Reference</b> | Oakland County Office of Deeds        |
|                                | 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** 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** Gerald A. Wall

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 7:4 (back view)  
**View of Photo** NW  
**Date of Photo** 9/98

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

|                          |  |   |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Address</b>           | 6091 Maybee Rd   | <b>Site No.</b> 33-01<br><b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-33-226-021 |
| <b>Governmental Unit</b> | Independence Township  |   |
| <b>County</b>            | Oakland  |   |
| <b>USGS Map Title</b>    | Clarkston  |   |
| <b>Area Map</b>          | Independence Fire Department<br>Street Address Map - 2/14/96 |   |
| <b>Original Usage</b>    | Single-family residential                                    |   |
| <b>Present Usage</b>     | Single-family residential                                    |   |
| <b>Ownership</b>         | Carol Smith  |   |
| <b>Photography</b>       |  |   |
| <b>Roll: Frame No.</b>   | 3:8  |   |
| <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** One and one-half story Craftsman style bungalow with a concrete foundation, a rubblestone chimney and front porch supports, decorative braces under the eves 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 **Site No.** 33-02  
**Governmental Unit** Independence Township **Sidwell No.** 08-33-203-001  
**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



**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 Italinate 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

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|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Address</b>           | 6450 Maybee Rd   | <b>Site No.</b> 28-02            |
| <b>Governmental Unit</b> | Independence Township  | <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-28-351-035 |
| <b>County</b>            | Oakland  |                                  |
| <b>USGS Map Title</b>    | Clarkston  |                                  |
| <b>Area Map</b>          | Independence Fire Department<br>Street Address Map - 2/14/96 |                                  |
| <b>Original Usage</b>    | Farmstead  |                                  |
| <b>Present Usage</b>     | Single-family residence                                      |                                  |
| <b>Ownership</b>         | Glen Underwood   |                                  |
| <b>Photography</b>       |  |                                  |
| <b>Roll: Frame No.</b>   | 3:2  |                                  |
| <b>View of Photo</b>     | N  |                                  |
| <b>Date of Photo</b>     | 1/91   |                                  |
| <b>Surveyor/Date</b>     | D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998                             |                                  |
| <b>Recorder/Date</b>     | D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998                               |                                  |



**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