

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5285 Oak Hill Rd

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

Ownership Thomas & Mary Kretz Sr.

Photography
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View of Photo NW,NW,S,SW,SE,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. 02-02
Sidwell No. 08-02-100-006



22. Residence

Description It appears that the original facade of the house, which would have faced Oak Hill Road, has been severely altered. Today the primary entrance to the house is on the west side, along the one-story addition. Other anachronistic changes to the house include a concrete chimney, several wooden decks and horizontal wood siding.

Farm structures associated with the home include a large barn with a stone/concrete foundation and gambrel roof; a smaller outbuilding with gable roof, referred to by a family member as the carriage house; a milk house; two concrete silos (Smith Silo Co. of Oxford Mi.); and several smaller outbuildings, including a several attached to the main barn.

Date of Construction house-1878 (WPA Rural Property Inventory); milk house-1916 (WPA Rural Property Inventory); Silos-unknown; large barn - unknown
Two barns were listed on the WPA Rural Property Inventory, neither exactly fits the description of the existing large barn, possibly indicating that a roof was replace or a newer barn built on an older foundation. A machine building was listed by the WPA, built in 1886 measuring 30' x 24' - perhaps this is the carriage house.

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

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This property is significant because it is one of the few properties in the township with its original farmhouse and multiple farm buildings.

Bibliographic Kretz, Mr. & Mrs. Personal communication. January 21, 1991
Reference Kretz family member. Personal communication. August, 1998
Additional references: see Appendix A

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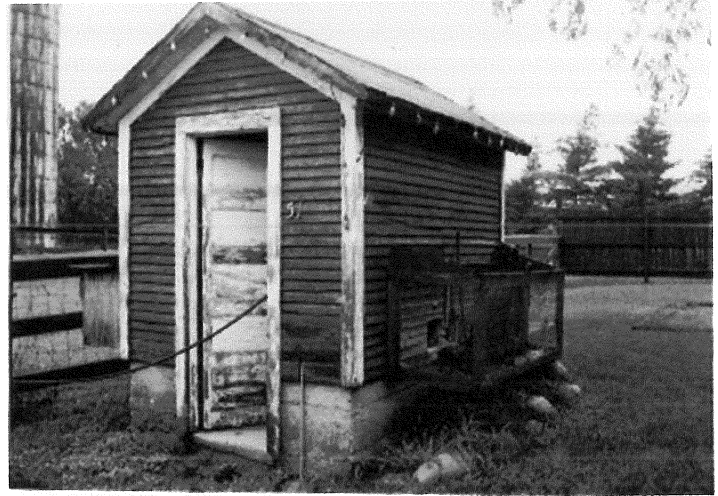
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Site No. 02-02

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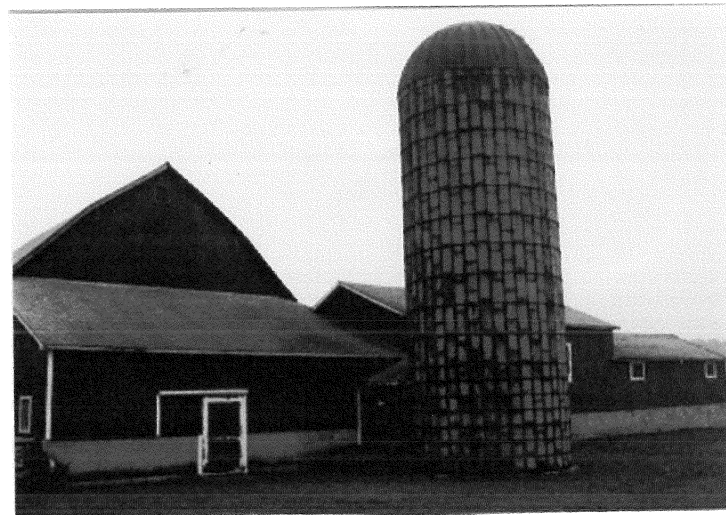
18. Carriage house



19. Small farm building



20. Main barn and silo (SW view)



21. Main barn, smaller barns and 2nd silo (SE view)

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

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Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

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

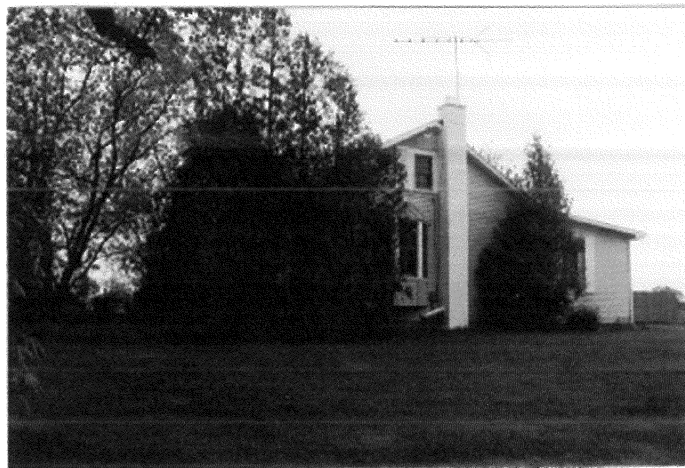
Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Craig Arnold

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 1 6:8
View of Photo SW
Date of Photo 2/91

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

Site No. 03-01
Sidwell No. 08-03-201-006



Description One and one-half story vernacular farmhouse with anachronistic siding and an exterior chimney. The WPA Rural Property Inventory describes the house as a one-story building with a ten foot lean-to. If the description in the report is accurate, than a second floor has been added since 1939.

Date of Construction 1910 (township tax records), 1926 (WPA Rural Property Inventory)
Condition good
Integrity undetermined - excessive vegetation

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	5839 Oak Hill Rd
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	(unknown)
Ownership	(unknown)
Photography	
Roll: Frame No.	1:3,4
View of Photo	SW,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. 03-05
Sidwell No. (unknown)



3. Barn (1 of 2)

Description There are two barns on the property, both with gable roofs. One barn has an asphalt roof and a concrete foundation, the other has a metal roof, its foundation was not visible. According the WPA Rural Property Inventory, in 1939 a farm was located at the northeastern corner of Perry Lake and Oak Hill Roads. The farmstead was approximately four and a half acres and its main entrance was on Perry Lake Road, south of the extant barns. The inventory indicates that there were several barns associated with the property-two general barns with gable roofs built in 1880, one with a stone foundation and one with a concrete foundation; and a dairy barn. Typically barns are located in the general area of the farmhouse; however, it is possible that the extant barns, accessed from Oak Hill Road, were associated with the 1939 farmstead.

Date of Construction undetermined - see above.

Condition good

Integrity good

Ownership

History See Appendix B

Significance undetermined

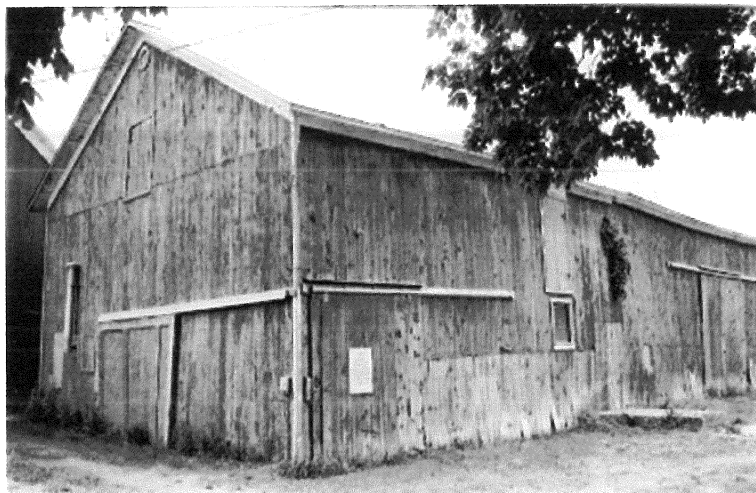
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See Appendix A

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Site No. 03-05
Sidwell No.



4. Barn (2 of 2)

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 8490 Ortonville 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 Wanda & John Lohmeier

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 7:18
View of Photo NE
Date of Photo 9/98

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

Site No. 17-05
Sidwell No. 08-17-201-013



Description Side-gabled Greek Revival house with clapboard siding and a pair of frieze band windows. A one-story addition was constructed to the rear of the house. Also located on the site is a stone lined well.

Date of Construction ca. 1840
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This house is significant as the home of John Walter, one of the earliest settlers in Independence Township. The property was owned by the Walter's family for at least ninety years. The extended family of the Walters owned several plots in the northern sections of the township, on Ortonville Road and around Walters Lake.

Bibliographic Lekzian, Constance. "The Clarkston Times." The Clarkston News. June 20, 1967.
Reference Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	8660 Ortonville Rd
Governmental Unit	Independence Township
County	Oakland
USGS Map Title	Ortonville
Area Map	Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96
Original Usage	Single-family residence
Present Usage	Single-family residence
Ownership	Andrew & Laura Townsend
Photography	
Roll: Frame No.	1:35
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. 08-03
Sidwell No. 08-08-400-025



Description One and one-half story bungalow with a gable roof (with dormer) and a covered front porch. The front porch, as well as the chimney on the south side of the house, are constructed of rubble stone.

Date of Construction 1924 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory), 1928 (township tax records)
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership History See Appendix B

Significance This house is architecturally significant as a good example of the bungalow style of houses that were constructed within the township in the 1920s & 1930s.

Bibliographic Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 9000 Ortonville Rd

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

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

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

Ownership Thomas & Elizabeth Lievois

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 6:19
View of Photo E
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 08-02
Sidwell No. 08-08-400-001



Description One-story house with a rubble stone facade and chimney.

Date of Construction 1926
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This residence is architecturally significant as a good example of the stone exterior structures commonly built within the township during the 1920s & 1930s.

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 9651 Ortonville 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 Jeffrey & Donna Sanders

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 7:20
View of Photo NW
Date of Photo 9/98

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

Site No. 05-03
Sidwell No. 08-05-300-041



Description Front-gabled house with many anachronistic changes including the concrete foundation, exterior siding, window replacements and relocations, and a small bay window.

Date of Construction 1880 (township tax records), 1938 (WPA Rural Property Inventory-remodel date or mistake for 1838?)
The returned cornice treatment of the front gable, and the pitch of the roof indicate that this house might date from the Greek Revival era, however, there have been many exterior changes, making the structure difficult to date.

Condition good
Integrity poor

Ownership History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

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County Oakland

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

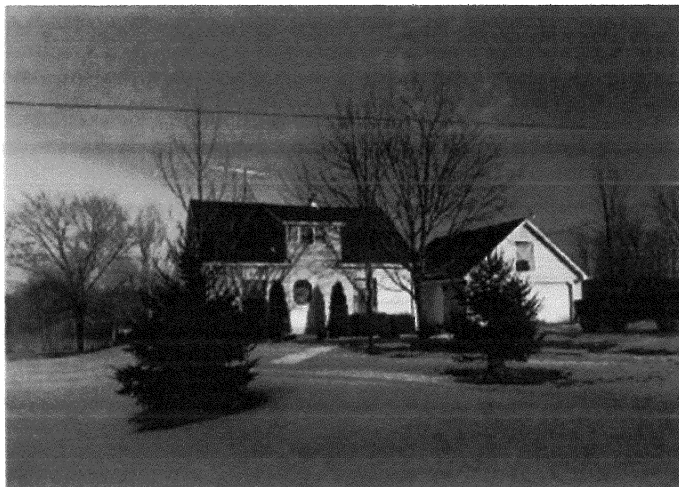
Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Charles & Cathy Kirk

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 12:35
View of Photo E
Date of Photo 2/91

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

Site No. 05-01
Sidwell No. 08-05-451-011



Description One and one-half story side-gabled house with a cement block foundation. A two-car detached garage stands to the south of the house.

Date of Construction 1940
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 10061 Ortonville 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 Eugene E. & Rosemary Deboer

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 2:2
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. 05-02
Sidwell No. 08-05-101-031



Description Gable-front-and-wing Greek Revival house with a rubble stone foundation, and a covered front porch. The house lacks the wide trim band which typically emphasizes the cornice lines of Greek Revival houses. Additional anachronistic changes include aluminum siding and the front porch (concrete block foundation and turned porch supports).

Also located on the property, in back of the house, are the burnt ruins of a barn.

Date of Construction house-1850

Condition house-good; barn-ruins
Integrity house-fair; barn-poor
The house is located adjacent to a party store. This association detracts from the original rural quality of the property's landscape.

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This site is significant as the home of William Dunston. Dunston, originating from England, was one of the early settlers in Independence township, settling in 1836 in section 5. Along with several other early settlers (Wm. Holcomb & John Derrick), William Dunston introduced the first blood stock within the township, purchasing a small herd of Durhams and Devons. The property was owned by members of the Duston family until the late 1920s.

Bibliographic Tate, Edna (former owner). Personal communication. 1/15/91.
Reference Everts, L. H. and Company, *History of Oakland County, Michigan*. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott and Company. 1877.

Additional references: see Appendix A