

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 5285 Oak Hill Rd

**Site No.** 02-02  
**Sidwell No.** 08-02-100-006

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

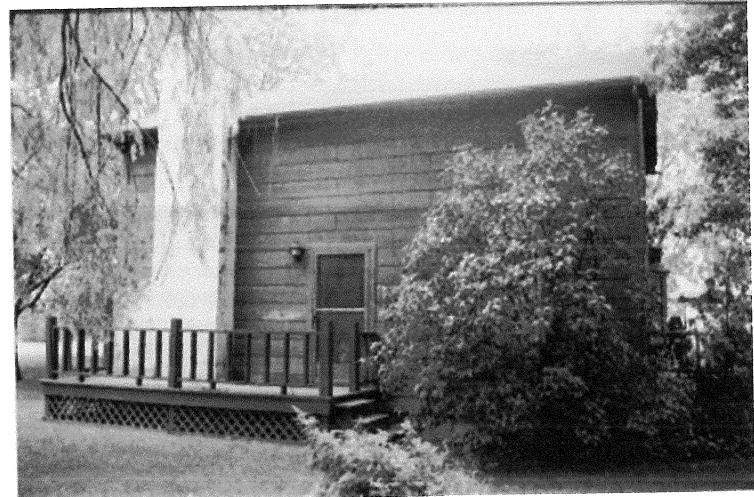
**USGS Map Title** Oxford  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96

**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



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 Reference** Kretz, Mr. & Mrs. Personal communication. January 21, 1991  
Kretz family member. Personal communication. August, 1998

Additional references: see Appendix A

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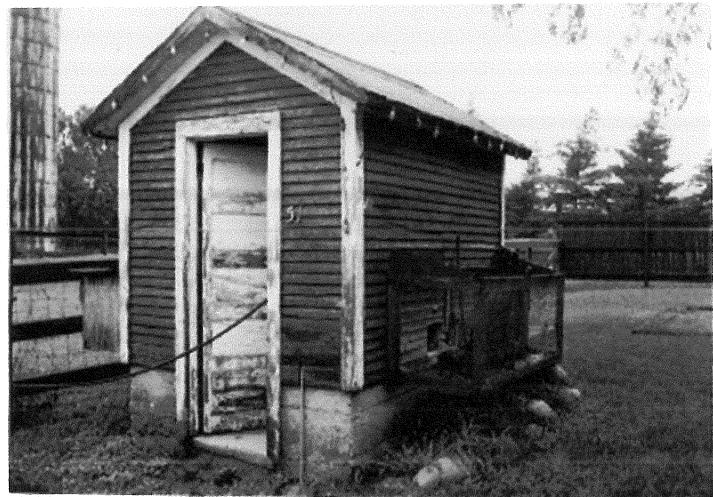
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18. Carriage house



19. Small farm building



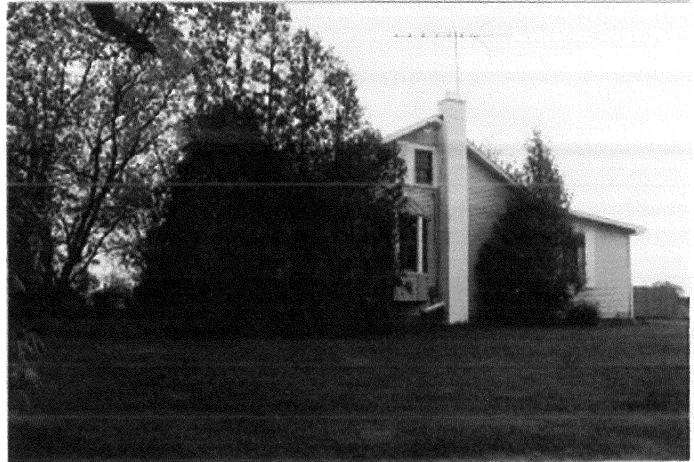
20. Main barn and silo (SW view)



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

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	5511 Oak Hill Rd	<b>Site No.</b> 03-01 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-03-201-006
<b>Governmental Unit</b>	Independence Township	
<b>County</b>	Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Ortonville	
<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>	Craig Arnold	
<b>Photography</b>		
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<b>View of Photo</b>	SW	
<b>Date of Photo</b>	2/91	
<b>Surveyor/ Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
<b>Recorder/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998	



**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	Site No. 03-05 Sidwell No. (unknown)
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	Farmstead (unknown)	
Ownership	(unknown)	
Photography		
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View of Photo	SW,SE	
Date of Photo	8/98	
Surveyor/Date Recorder/Date	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998 D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998	



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 to 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

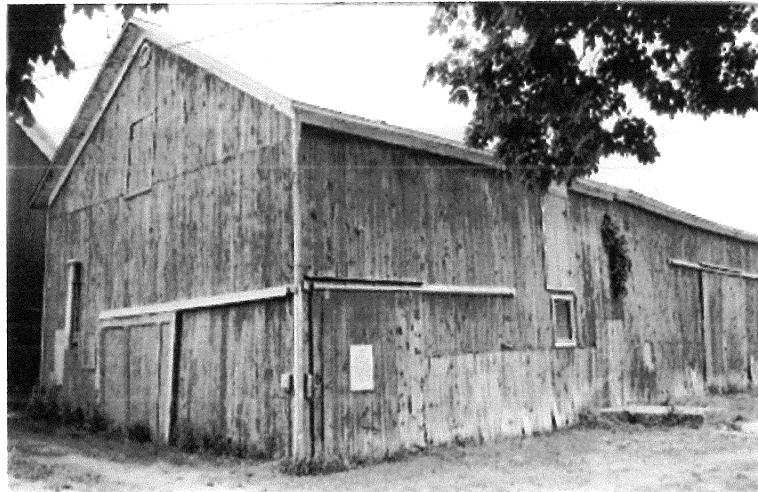
**Significance** undetermined

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

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4. Barn (2 of 2)

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	8490 Ortonville Rd	<b>Site No.</b> 17-05 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-17-201-013
<b>Governmental Unit County</b>	Independence Township Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title Area Map</b>	Ortonville Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage Present Usage</b>	Farmstead Single-family residence	
<b>Ownership</b>	Wanda & John Lohmeier	
<b>Photography</b>		
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<b>View of Photo</b>	NE	
<b>Date of Photo</b>	9/98	
<b>Surveyor/Date Recorder/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998 D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998	



**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  
Reference** Lekzian, Constance. "The Clarkston Times." The Clarkston News. June 20, 1967.

Additional references: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	8660 Ortonville Rd	<b>Site No.</b> 08-03 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-08-400-025
<b>Governmental Unit</b>	Independence Township	
<b>County</b>	Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Ortonville	
<b>Area Map</b>	Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage</b>	Single-family residence	
<b>Present Usage</b>	Single-family residence	
<b>Ownership</b>	Andrew & Laura Townsend	
<b>Photography</b>		
<b>Roll: Frame No.</b>	1:35	
<b>View of Photo</b>	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 27, 1998	



**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

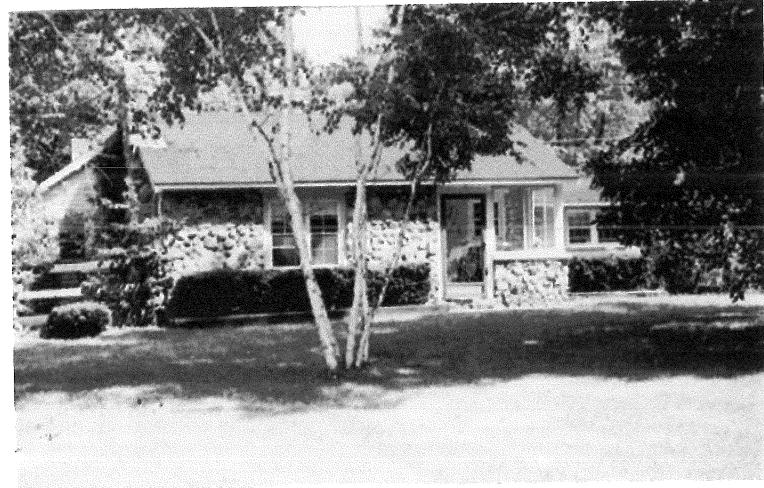
**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**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

<b>Address</b>	9000 Ortonville Rd	<b>Site No.</b> 08-02 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-08-400-001
<b>Governmental Unit</b>	Independence Township	
<b>County</b>	Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Ortonville	
<b>Area Map</b>	Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage</b>	Single-family residence	
<b>Present Usage</b>	Single-family residence	
<b>Ownership</b>	Thomas & Elizabeth Lievois	
<b>Photography</b>		
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<b>Surveyor&gt;Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
<b>Recorder&gt;Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998	



**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

<b>Address</b>	9651 Ortonville Rd	<b>Site No.</b> 05-03 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-05-300-041
<b>Governmental Unit</b>	Independence Township	
<b>County</b>	Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Ortonville	
<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>	Jeffrey & Donna Sanders	
<b>Photography</b>		
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<b>View of Photo</b>	NW	
<b>Date of Photo</b>	9/98	
<b>Surveyor/ Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
<b>Recorder/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998	



**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

**Address** 9700 Ortonville Rd **Site No.** 05-01  
**Sidwell No.** 08-05-451-011

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

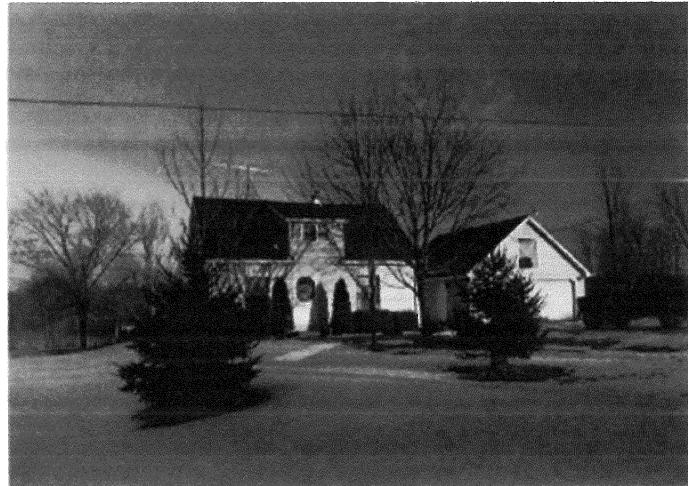
**USGS Map Title** Ortonville  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
Street Address Map - 2/14/96

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

**Ownership** 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



**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 **Site No.** 05-02  
**Governmental Unit** Independence Township **Sidwell No.** 08-05-101-031  
**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



**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