

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	5015 Sashabaw Rd	<b>Site No.</b> 34-02 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-34-128-085
<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>	Single-family residential	
<b>Present Usage</b>	Single-family residential	
<b>Ownership</b>	Carole M. Wolfe	
<b>Photography</b>		
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<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** Rectangular house with a gable roof, an enclosed front porch and a rubble stone exterior.

**Date of Construction** 1930  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** good

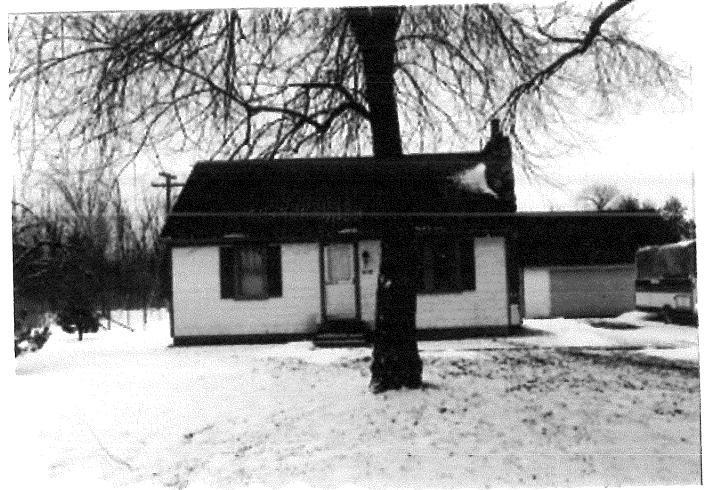
**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This site 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** See Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	6024 Sashabaw Rd	<b>Site No.</b> 27-01 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-27-252-002
<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>	Richard Lindberg	
<b>Photography</b>		
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<b>View of Photo</b>	E	
<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 28, 1998	



**Description** One and one-half story rectangular house with a concrete block foundation and a rubble stone chimney.

**Date of Construction** 1920 (township tax records)

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

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** Undetermined

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

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 8290 Sashabaw Rd **Site No.** 15-04  
**Sidwell No.** 08-15-200-009

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

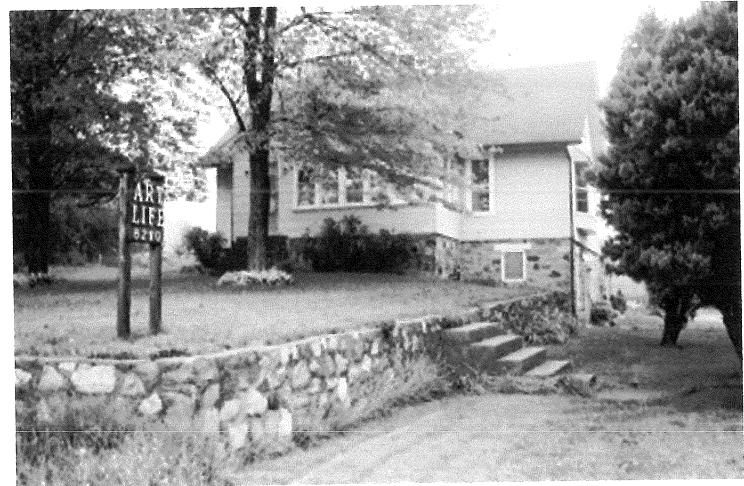
**USGS Map Title** Oxford  
**Area Map** Independence Fire Department  
 Street Address Map - 2/14/96

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

**Ownership** James Blain & Mary C. Phillips

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 3:9,10,11  
**View of Photo** NE,SE,E  
**Date of Photo** 8/98

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



11. Residence and retaining wall

**Description** Rectangular house with a gable roof, a rubble stone foundation, a walk-out basement, and an enclosed front porch. According to the current owner, the house was doubled in size in 1910. He also stated that the walls of the house were filled with sand. The house has anachronistic exterior siding and a large addition to the rear, built in 1997.

Also located on the property is a stone retaining wall (matching the stone work of the house foundation), a barn with a gable roof, a corn crib and a one-car garage attached to the barn. The roof on the corn crib is covered with clay tiles ca. 1920s that were taken from another structure off site. The owner has collected fence posts from the original farm tract that is currently being subdivided and has re-used these posts to create stake-and-rider fence lines surrounding his property.

**Date of Construction** house- 1875; stone retaining wall-unknown; farm structures-unknown

**Condition** house-good; stone retaining wall-good; farm buildings-good

**Integrity** house-fair; stone retaining wall-good; farm buildings-good

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** The site is also significant because it is one of the few properties left in the township with its original farmhouse and multiple farm buildings.

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

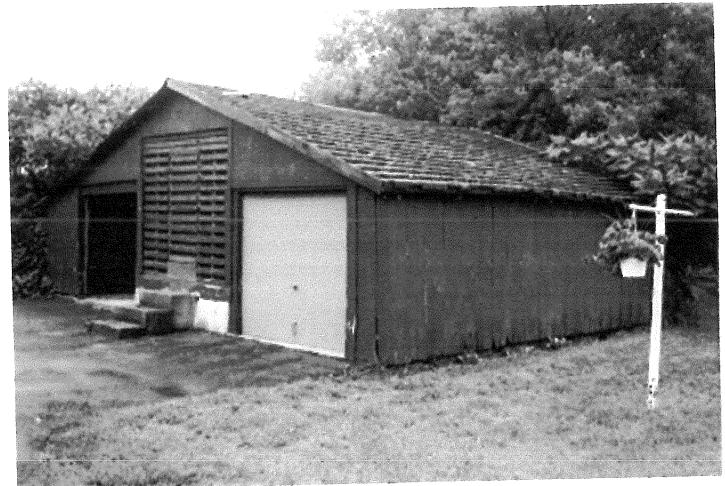
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9. Barn



10. Corn crib

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	8620 Sashabaw Rd	<b>Site No.</b> 10-02 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-10-451-004
<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>	Clarkston Free Methodist	
<b>Photography</b>		
<b>Roll: Frame No.</b>	3:13,14,15	
<b>View of Photo</b>	NE,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	



13. Residence

**Description** Two-story house with a hip roof, a rubble stone foundation and wood siding. The original structure was 27'x24', and had a wrap-around porch along its northwest corner. A large two-story addition was constructed on the west side of the house after 1939 (not shown on WPA Rural Properties Inventory). The window configuration on the facade of the structure appears awkward, probably a result of placement changes.

Also located on the property are stone wall ruins of a barn, and a two-car stone garage with a hip roof.

**Date of Construction** house-1899; barn foundation-1899; garage-1899  
**Condition** house-good; barn-ruins; garage-good  
**Integrity** house-fair; barn-poor; garage-good

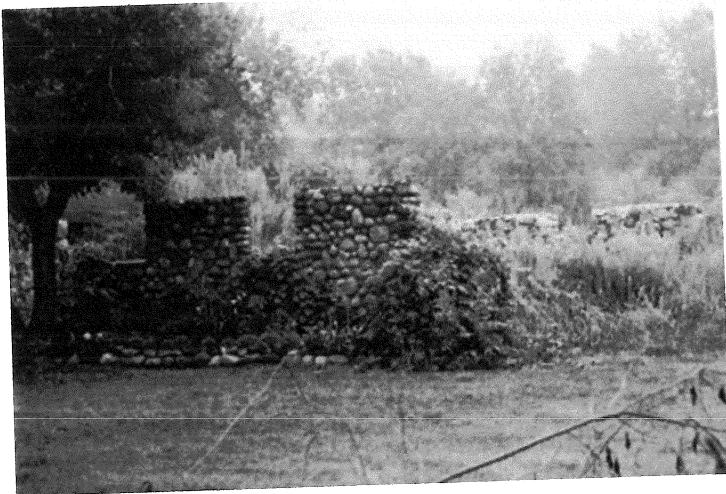
**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

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14. Barn ruins

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Sidwell No. 08-10-451-004



15. Garage

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	8809 Sashabaw Rd	Site No. 10-03 Sidwell No. 08-10-300-004
Governmental Unit County	Independence Township Oakland	
USGS Map Title Area Map	Ortonville Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
Original Usage Present Usage	Farmstead Single-family residence	
Ownership	Paul B. Halstead	
Photography		
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View of Photo	SW      E	
Date of Photo	2/91      8/98	
Surveyor/Date Recorder/Date	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998 D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998	22. Residence



**Description** Side-gabled Greek Revival house with three frieze band windows and wood siding. An L-plan one story addition was made to the rear of the property prior to 1939 (shown on the WPA Rural Properties Inventory). Anachronistic elements include the enclosed front porch and decorative shutters.  
Also located on the site is a small barn with gable roof.

**Date of Construction** house-1865; barn-unknown  
**Condition** house-fair; barn-poor  
**Integrity** house-good; barn-good

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This house is architecturally significant as a good example of the typical side-gabled Greek Revival homes built within the township.

**Bibliographic Reference** Halstead, Harry. Personal communication. January 1991  
Additional References: see Appendix A

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**Sidwell No.** 08-10-300-004



2. Barn

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	9750 Sashabaw Rd	<b>Site No.</b> 03-04 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-03-451-027
<b>Governmental Unit</b> <b>County</b>	Independence Township Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Oxford	
<b>Area Map</b>	Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage</b> <b>Present Usage</b>	Farmstead single-family residence and business	
<b>Ownership</b>	Russell J. & Marianne Russell	
<b>Photography</b>		
<b>Roll: Frame No.</b>	3:16,17	
<b>View of Photo</b>	E,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	



16. Residence

**Description** Side-gabled house with decorative door frame. Anachronistic elements include decorative shutters, aluminum siding, a modern front porch and a bay window. The size and proportions of the main section of the house resembles Greek Revival homes built in the township; however, it lacks the wide trim band which typically emphasizes the cornice lines of Greek Revival houses.

Also located on the property is a large barn with a gable roof and a rubble stone foundation.

**Date of Construction** house-1880 (WPA Rural Property Inventory) This is a late date for Greek Revival style structures. If the home actually dates prior to 1880, than the 1880 date might have been for renovations.  
barn-unknown

**Condition** house-good; barn-good  
**Integrity** house-undetermined; barn-good

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

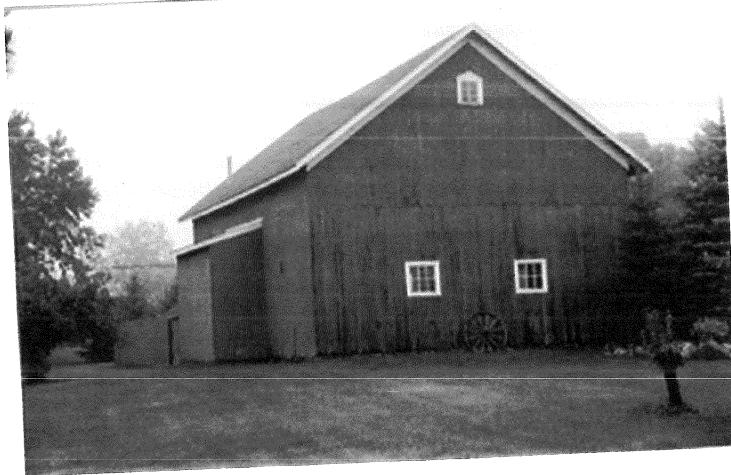
**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

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**Site No.** 03-04  
**Sidwell No.** 08-03-451-027



17. Barn

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 10275 Sashabaw 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** Craig Arnold  
**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 7:25  
**View of Photo** N  
**Date of Photo** 1/91  
**Surveyor/ Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998  
**Recorder/Date** D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

**Site No.** 03-03  
**Sidwell No.** 08-03-201-007



**Description** Two-story T-plan house with a one-story addition to the north, a rubble stone foundation, clapboard siding and decorative window crowns.

**Date of Construction** 1888  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** good

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This house is significant because of its high degree of exterior architectural integrity. It is a good example of the T-plan farmhouse style built within the township in the late 1800s. It is also significant as one of the farm houses of the Bailey family. By 1896 members of the Bailey family were major land owners in sections 2 and 3, owning more than 494 acres.

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	6050 Shappie Rd	Site No. 04-02
Governmental Unit County	Independence Township Oakland	Sidwell No. 08-04-200-014
USGS Map Title Area Map	Ortonville Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
Original Usage Present Usage	Farmstead Single-family residence	
Ownership	Phillip W. & Cindy Reid	
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View of Photo	N	
Date of Photo	2/91	
Surveyor/ Date Recorder/Date	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998 D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998	



**Description** Center-gabled Gothic Revival farmhouse with a rubble stone foundation. The window of the gable has been removed and other windows appear to have been removed and replaced by anachronistic windows which are incongruous with the original proportions of the house. The house also has anachronistic siding and asphalt shingles. Adjacent to the house on the west side is a modern, detached two-car garage. Mature shade trees line the dirt road in front of the house.

**Date of Construction** house-1889; garage-unknown  
**Condition** house-good  
**Integrity** house-poor

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** undetermined

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

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	6255 Shappie Rd	Site No. 04-03 Sidwell No. 08-04-300-040
Governmental Unit County	Independence Township Oakland	
USGS Map Title Area Map	Ortonville Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
Original Usage Present Usage	School Single-family residence	
Ownership	Margaret J. Williams	
Photography Roll: Frame No.	2:9	
View of Photo	S	
Date of Photo	8/98	
Surveyor/Date Recorder/Date	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998 D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998	



**Description** Gothic Revival front-gabled schoolhouse with a rubble stone foundation. The building underwent major renovations in 1979. Some of the profoundly anachronistic changes made at this time are as follows: addition of dentil moldings at eaves, rustic shutters, aluminum siding, asphalt shingles, and front door moldings. Only the first floor, front window crowns and rubble stone foundation suggest the building's original character. A garage stands to the north of the house.

**Date of Construction** house-1889; garage-unknown  
**Condition** house-good  
**Integrity** house-fair

**Ownership  
History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This building is historically significant as one of the two remaining one-room school houses found in the township. (Four school houses are indicated on the 1896 township plat map). The school was built on the property of the Irish Brothers Farm in 1889. Prior to this school building another school house stood on the same site, then owned by N. Green. In 1947, the school was closed.

**Bibliographic  
Reference** Oakland County Office of Deeds  
Williams, Margaret. Personal communication. 1/7/91.

Additional referenced: see Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 6310 Shappie 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** Nancy E. Cochran  
**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 2:7,8  
**View of Photo** NE,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.** 04-04  
**Sidwell No.** 08-04-100-031



7. Residence

**Description** Two-story house, 24' x 26', with a rubble stone foundation and a hip roof. Two one-story wings with concrete foundations have been added to the east and west sides of the original farm house, since the 1939 WPA Rural Properties Inventory. Additional changes to the structure include anachronistic siding and decorative shutters. The current front porch is a smaller version of the original covered front porch which extended to the east, and wrapped around the east side of the house.

**Date of Construction** house-1908; barn-1908; concrete silo-unknown.  
**Condition** house-good; barn-poor; silo-fair (cap missing).  
**Integrity** house-poor; barn-poor; silo-fair.

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

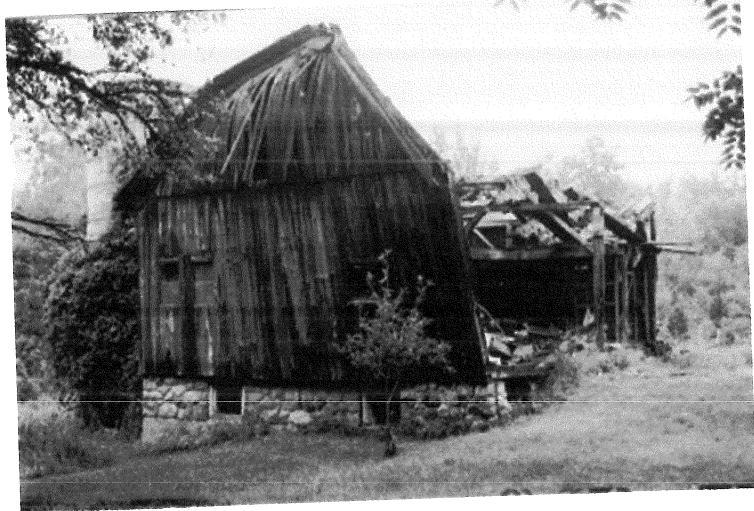
**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

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Sidwell No. 08-040-100-031



8. Barn & silo

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

<b>Address</b>	5293 Sunnyside Dr	<b>Site No.</b> 35-02 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-35-127-034
<b>Governmental Unit</b>	Independence Township	
<b>County</b>	Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Pontiac North	
<b>Area Map</b>	Independence Fire Department Street Address Map - 2/14/96	
<b>Original Usage</b>	Farmstead	
<b>Present Usage</b>	Residence, Apartments	
<b>Ownership</b>	Norman Christea	
<b>Photography</b>		
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<b>Surveyor/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998	
<b>Recorder/Date</b>	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998	



**Description** Two-story L-plan house with a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof. Anachronistic changes to the house include its exterior siding, and the wooden deck on the southeast side. Although records show that the structure was built in 1850, its dominate two-story L-plan section indicates that it was built later in the century. Further investigation would be necessary to determine if the smaller one-story wing to the rear of the structure was the original structure built in 1850.

**Date of Construction** 1850 (see above)

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

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

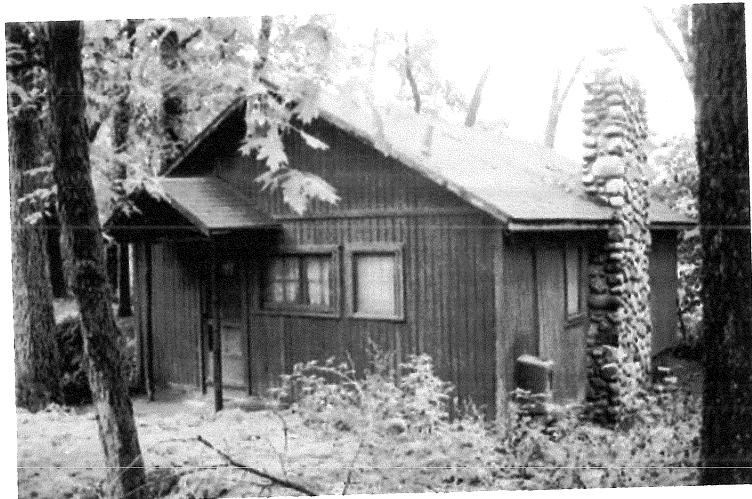
**Significance** This site is significant as part of the Fisher farmstead. Adam Fisher was one of the earliest settlers in the township, locating on this site in 1833. Fisher is credited with having one of the first, if not the first frame house in the township. The Fisher family occupied this site until at least 1908 (plat map).

**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

<b>Address</b>	8580 Thendara	<b>Site No.</b> 12-06 <b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-12-357-011
<b>Governmental Unit</b>	Independence Township	
<b>County</b>	Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Oxford	
<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>	David Zafarana	
<b>Photography</b>		
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<b>View of Photo</b>	E	
<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** Small one-story wood frame house with a gable roof and a rubble-stone chimney.

**Date of Construction** 1940

**Condition** good

**Integrity** good

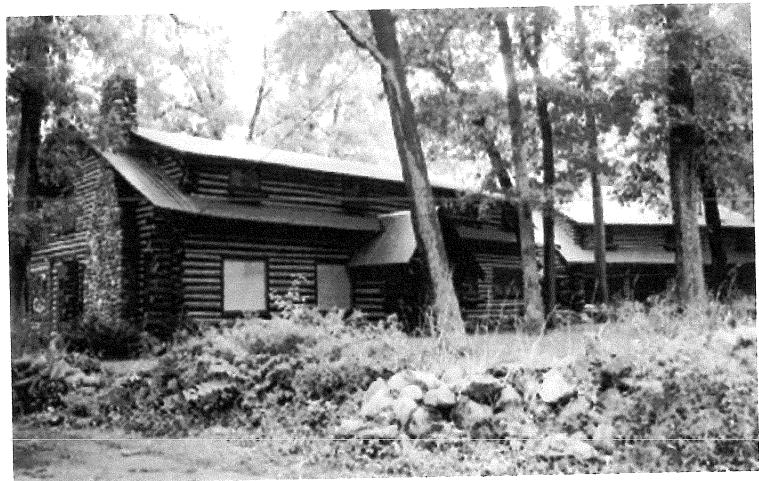
**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This structure is architecturally significant as a good example of the cabin-type residences that were constructed around the lakes within the township during the 1920s & 1930s.

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	8646 Thendara	Site No. 12-05 Sidwell No. 08-12-356-031
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	unknown 2 single-family residences	
Ownership	Peter Keelin	
Photography Roll: Frame No.	4:1	
View of Photo	SE	
Date of Photo	8/98	
Surveyor/Date Recorder/Date	D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998 D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998	



**Description** Two large rectangular log buildings with rubble stone chimneys, attached to each other via an enclosed one-story walkway.

**Date of Construction** 1930  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** good

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** These buildings are architecturally significant as a good example of the cabin-type structures that were constructed around the lakes within the township during the 1920s and 1930s. These log buildings, larger than the typical cabins in the area, possibly served as a lodge.

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 8736 Thendara **Site No.** 12-04  
**Governmental Unit** Independence Township **Sidwell No.** 08-12-353-035

**County** Oakland

**USGS Map Title** Oxford

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

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

**Ownership** Julie Poalatto

**Photography**

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**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



**Description** Small rectangular house with a log exterior and a cement block chimney.

**Date of Construction** 1935

**Condition** good

**Integrity** good

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This buiding is architecturally significant as a good example of the cabin-type residences that began to be constructed around the lakes within the township during the 1920s & 1930s.

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A

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<b>Address</b>	8821 Thendara	<b>Site No.</b> 12-03
<b>Governmental Unit</b>	Independence Township	<b>Sidwell No.</b> 08-12-306-041
<b>County</b>	Oakland	
<b>USGS Map Title</b>	Oxford	
<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>	Larry J. Campanaro	
<b>Photography</b>		
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<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** Small, one-story house with a stone exterior, chimney, and covered front porch.

**Date of Construction** 1930  
**Condition** currently being renovated  
**Integrity** good (stone exterior)

**Ownership History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This site is architecturally significant as a good example of the stone exterior buildings that were commonly built throughout the township during the 1920s & 1930s. It is also significant as an example of the cabin-type residences that began to be constructed around the lakes within the township during the 1920s & 1930s.

**Bibliographic Reference** See Appendix A