

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5015 Sashabaw 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 Carole M. Wolfe

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 3:3
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. 34-02
Sidwell No. 08-34-128-085



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

Address 6024 Sashabaw Rd

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

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

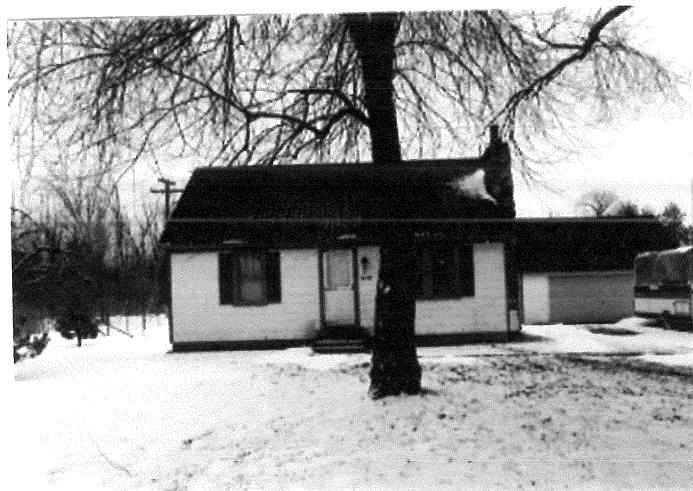
Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Richard Lindberg

Photography
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View of Photo E
Date of Photo 2/91

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

Site No. 27-01
Sidwell No. 08-27-252-002



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

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

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

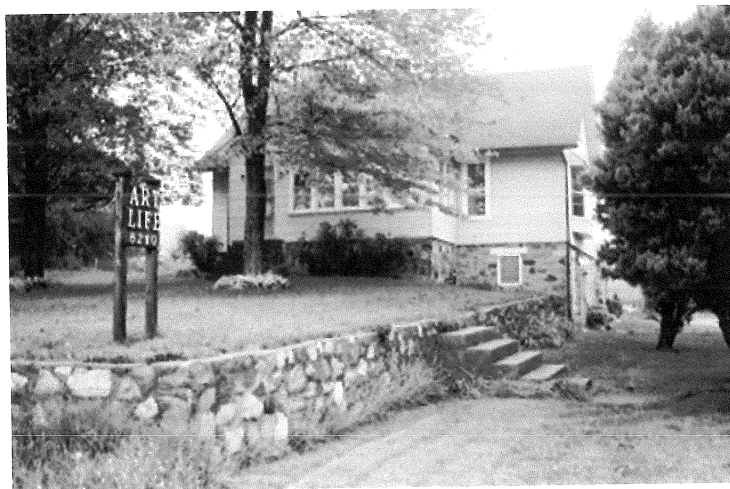
Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership James Blain & Mary C. Phillips

Photography
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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

Site No. 15-04
Sidwell No. 08-15-200-009



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

Address 8620 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 Clarkston Free Methodist

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 3:13,14,15
View of Photo NE,NE,NE
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 10-02
Sidwell No. 08-10-451-004



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

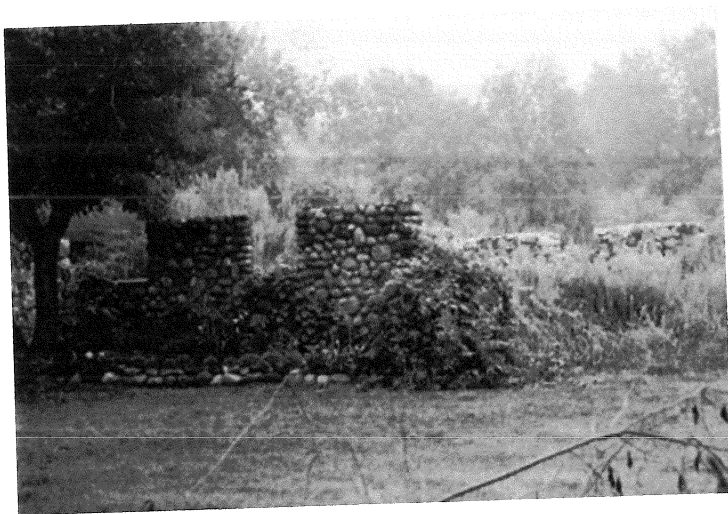
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Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

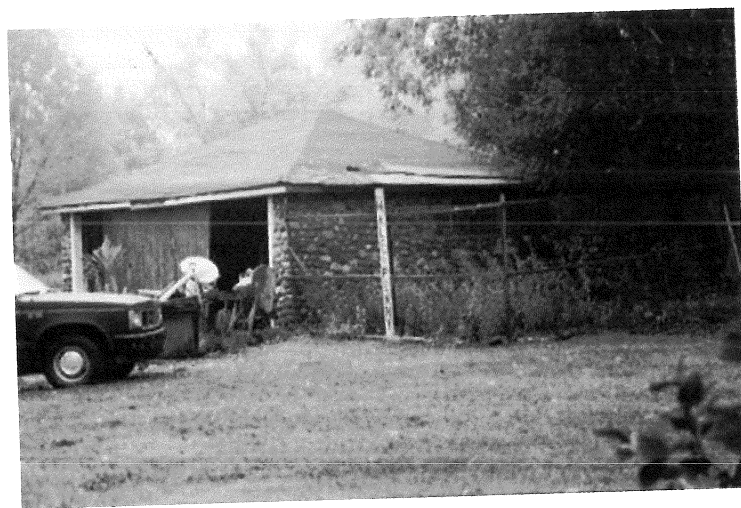
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Sidwell No. 08-10-451-004



14. Barn ruins



15. Garage

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 8809 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 Paul B. Halstead
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 7:22 1:2
View of Photo SW E
Date of Photo 2/91 8/98
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

Site No. 10-03
Sidwell No. 08-10-300-004



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

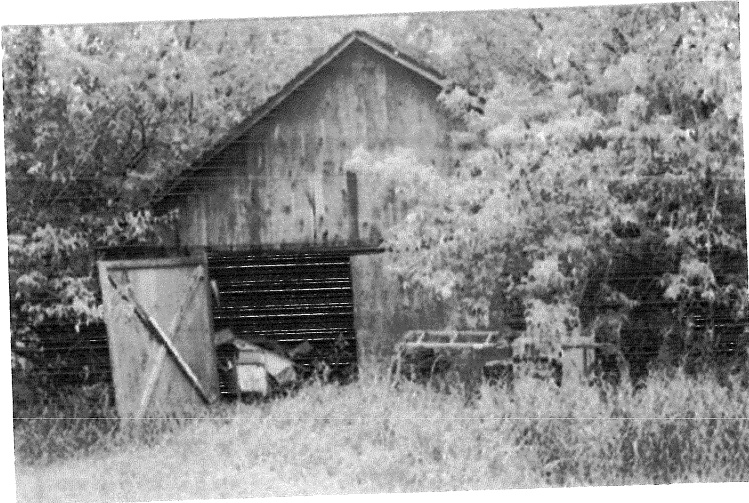
Significance This house is architecturally significant as a good example of the typical side-gabled Greek Revival homes built within the township.

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

Address 9750 Sashabaw 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 ingle-family residence
and business

Ownership Russell J. & Marianne Russell

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 3:16,17
View of Photo E,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. 03-04
Sidwell No. 08-03-451-027



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

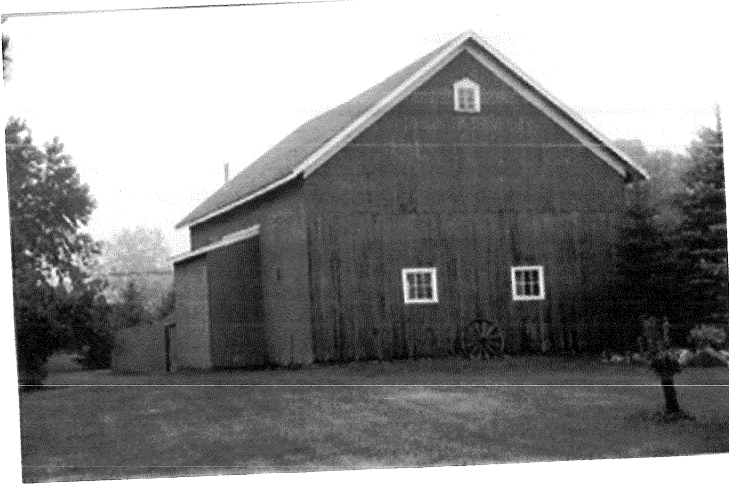
Significance Undetermined

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 house 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

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 Phillip W. & Cindy Reid

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 13:8
View of Photo N
Date of Photo 2/91

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

Site No. 04-02

Sidwell No.

08-04-200-014



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

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

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

Original Usage School
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Margaret J. Williams

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 2:9
View of Photo S
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 04-03
Sidwell No. 08-04-300-040



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, Margret. 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

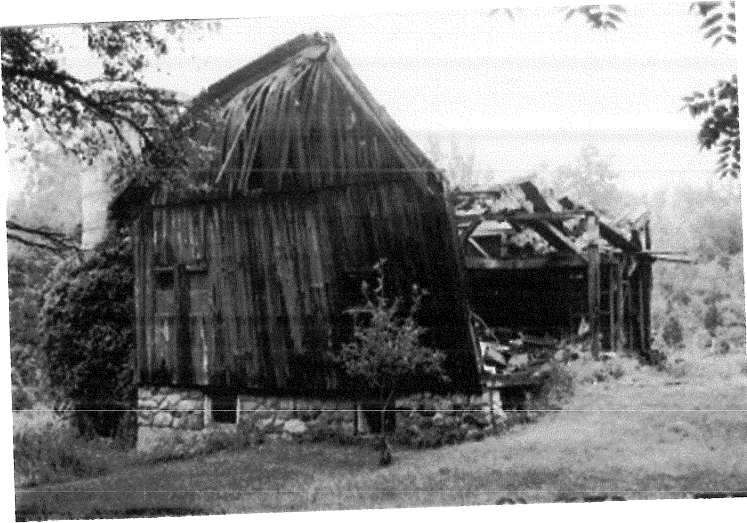
Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Reference See Appendix A

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Site No. 04-04
Sidwell No. 08-040-100-031



8. Barn & silo

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5293 Sunnyside Dr

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 Residence, Apartments

Ownership Norman Christea

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 11:13
View of Photo NE
Date of Photo 2/91

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

Site No. 35-02
Sidwell No. 08-35-127-034



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

Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address	8580 Thendara
Governmental Unit	Independence Township
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	David Zafarana
Photography	
Roll: Frame No.	4:2
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. 12-06
Sidwell No. 08-12-357-011



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

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

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

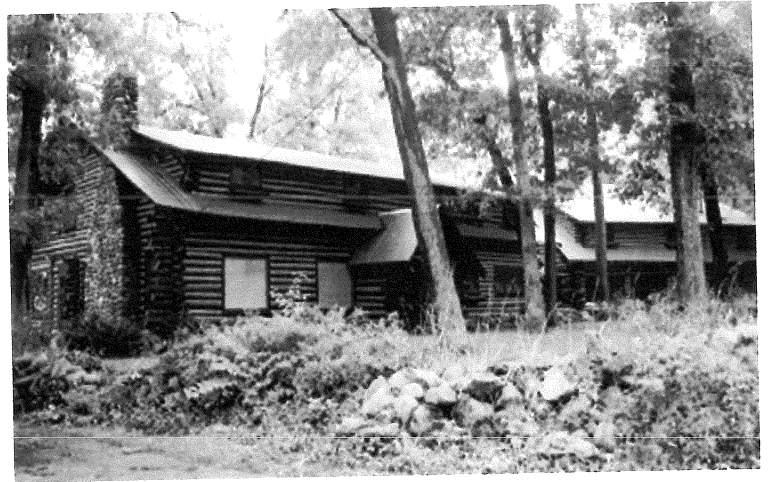
Original Usage unknown
Present Usage 2 single-family residences

Ownership Peter Keelin

Photography
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View of Photo SE
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 12-05
Sidwell No. 08-12-356-031



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

Governmental Unit Independence Township
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
Roll: Frame No. 4:0
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. 12-04
Sidwell No. 08-12-353-035



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 building 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

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 8821 Thendara

Governmental Unit Independence Township
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 Larry J. Campanaro

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 3:34
View of Photo NW
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 12-03
Sidwell No. 08-12-306-041



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 than began to be constructed around the lakes within the township during the 1920s & 1930s.

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A