

**INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY**

**Address** 6970 Andersonville Rd

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

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

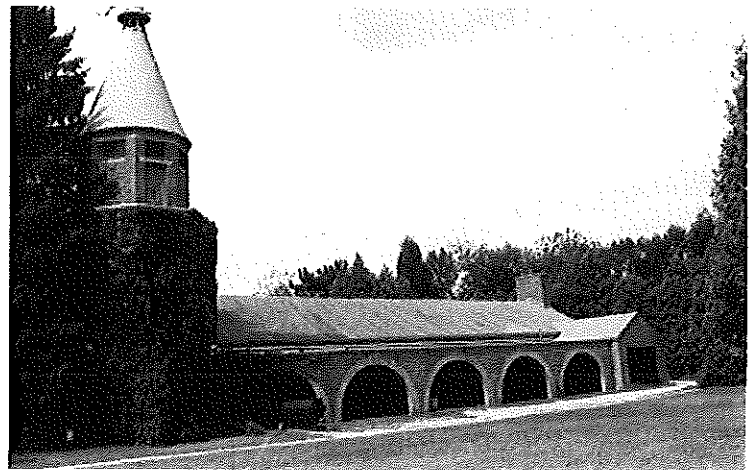
**Original Usage** Boy Scout camp  
**Present Usage** Bay Court Township Park

**Ownership** Independence Township

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**Date of Photo** 8/98

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

**Site No.** 32-05  
**Sidwell No.** 08-32-301-002



5. Brady Lodge

**Description** Boy Scout Lodge constructed of concrete block with red brick trim. This large building has an impressive circular tower, topped in copper. Also associated with the Boy Scout camp and located on the site are a concrete block garage (same block type as those used on the lodge) and four small log cabins. In 1937, the scout camp comprised 28.5 acres.

There are several other buildings located on the old camp property, these were probably constructed by the Boy Scouts after 1937, or were built by the church group that purchased the camp from the Boy Scouts ca. late 1940s. These buildings include: one small log building; three similar wood frame buildings with concrete foundations, two with cross gables; one wood frame building with a concrete foundation and vinyl siding; one small wood frame building with a concrete post foundation and aluminum siding; one larger wood frame building with a covered porch and a brick chimney.

**Date of Construction** lodge-1921(burnt),1926(rebuilt); four log cabins-1921 (there were originally eight); garage-ca. 1926; additional buildings-unknown, probably post 1939 (did not appear in the WPA Rural Properties Inventory).

**Condition** all buildings-good to fair  
**Integrity** all buildings-good

**Ownership**  
**History** See Appendix B

**Significance** This site is significant because of its association with the Boy Scout Camp located on the site ca. 1920s to 1940s. The lodge is an impressive, architecturally significant building, contrasting significantly with the simple, rugged sleeping cabins.

**Bibliographic Reference** Hurdon, John Dyer. Personal communication. 8/98. Mr. Hurdon is responsible for a Boy Scout Museum in the Detroit Area. He has photos of the camp during the time period that the site was owned by the Boy Scouts.

Additional References: see Appendix

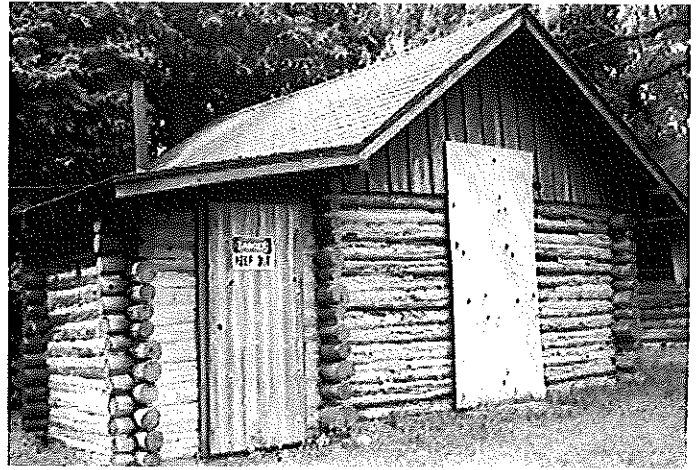
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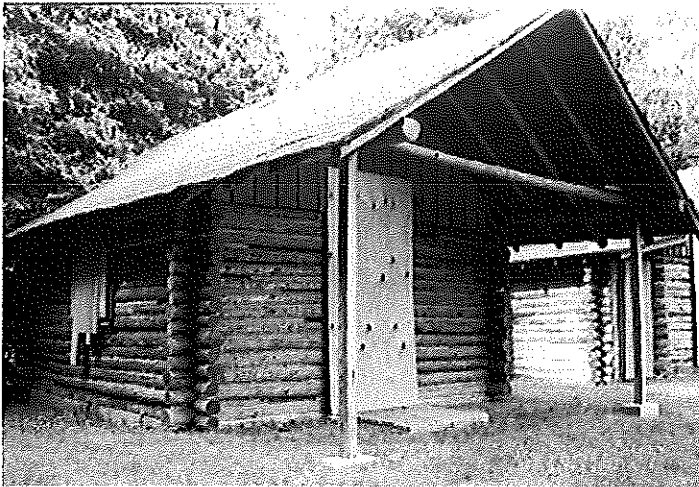
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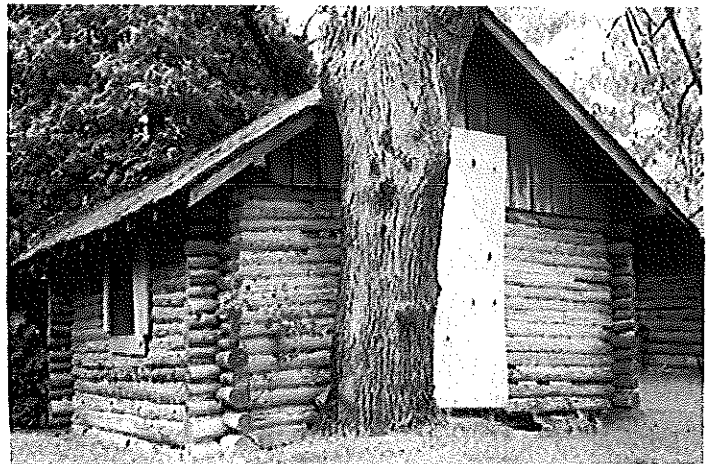
2. Garage (adjacent to Brady Lodge)



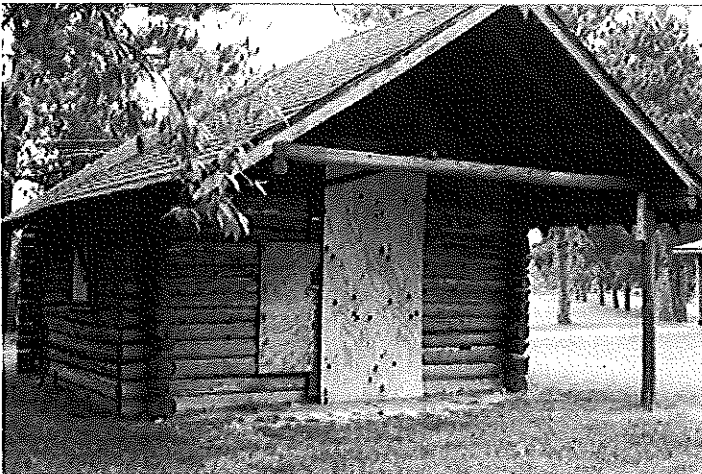
32. Log cabin (1 of 4)



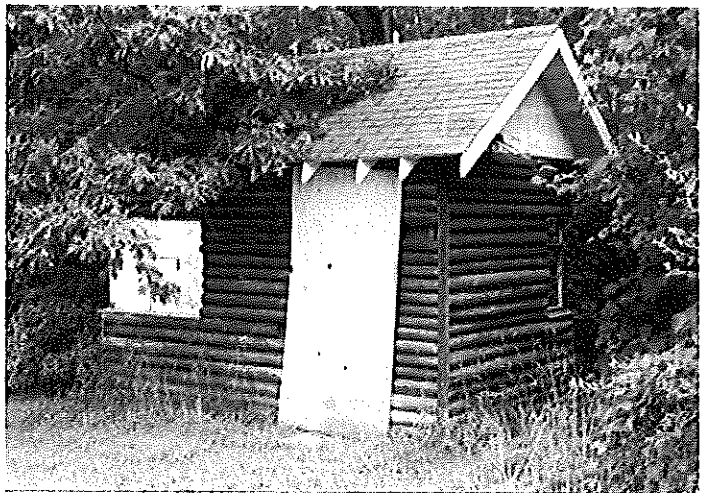
33. Log cabin (2 of 4)



34. Log cabin (3 of 4)



35. Log cabin (4 of 4)

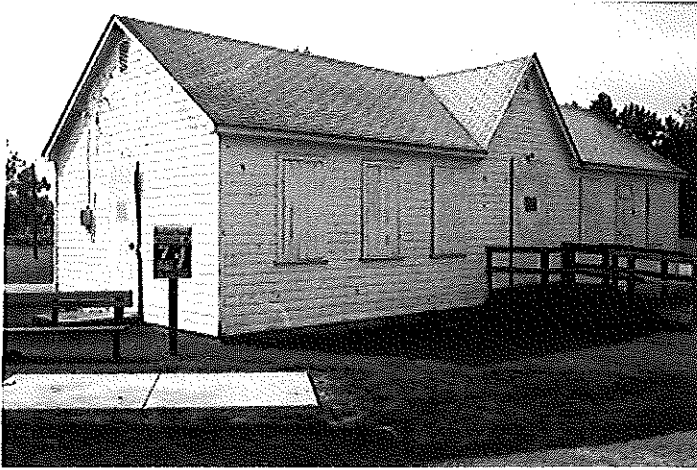


36. Log building

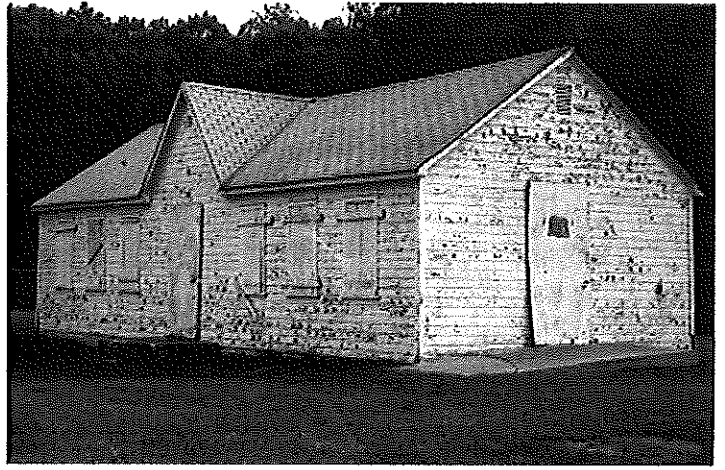
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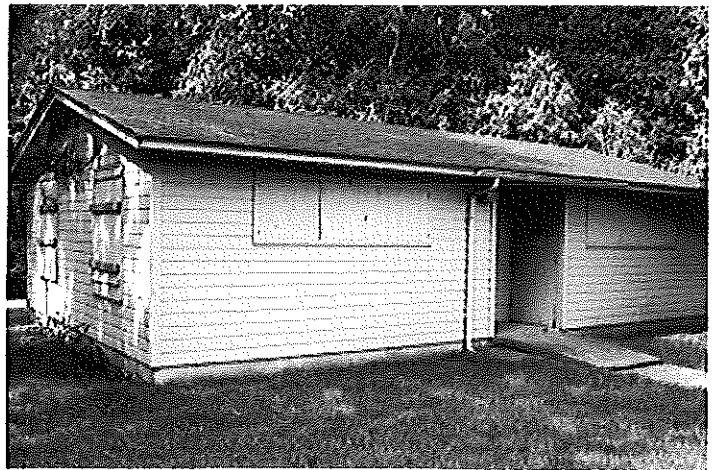
28. Wood frame building (1 of 2)



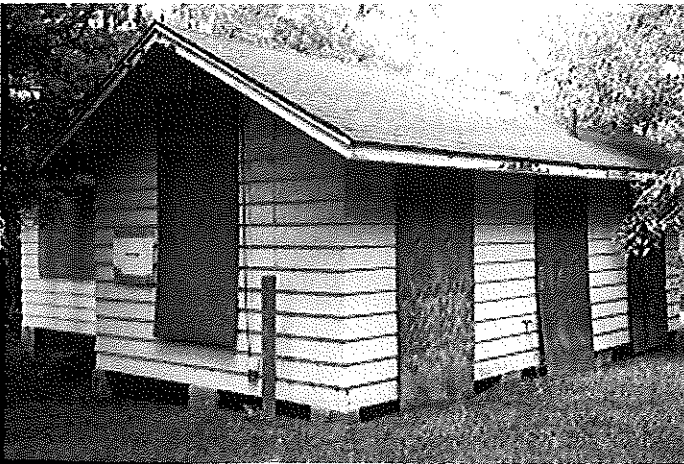
29. Wood frame building (2 of 2)



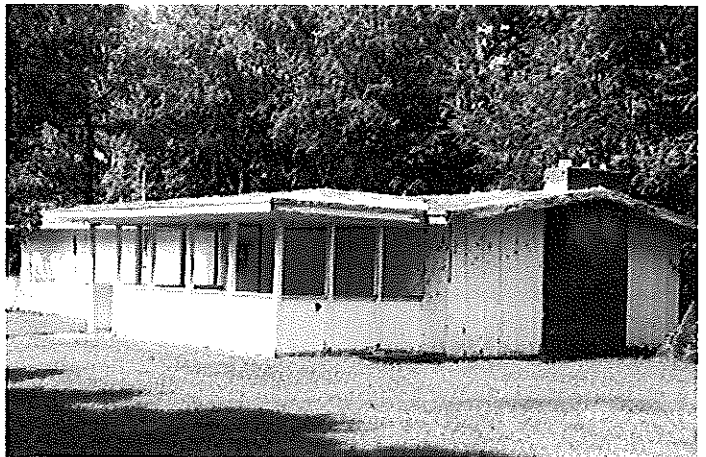
30. Wood frame building



0. Wood frame building (vinyl siding)



1. Small wood frame building (aluminum siding)



2. Wood frame building (brick chimney)

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 7256 Andersonville 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 residence  
**Present Usage** Single-family residence

**Ownership** Paula M. Kasper

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 7:3  
**View of Photo** N  
**Date of Photo** 9/98

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

**Site No.** 31-01  
**Sidwell No.** 08-31-476-009



**Description** Craftsman style bungalow with an enclosed front porch, rubble stone half-walls and chimney, decorative braces under the eaves, and wood-shingled gables. An additional rubble stone wall is located along the east side of the driveway. Attached to the house is a one car-garage.

**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 1900s. 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