

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 4750 Clarkston 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 Kathryn Muresa
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 8:7A 4:3,4
View of Photo N W,S
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. 13-02
Sidwell No. 08-13-126-002



3. Residence

Description Five farm structures are located on the property including: a rubble stone outbuilding with a gable roof; a large wood frame barn, painted white with horizontal siding and a concrete block foundation; a small wood frame outbuilding with a gable roof and horizontal siding; a moderately sized outbuilding similar to the first two buildings describe; and a rubble stone wall about two feet high, possibly apart of the foundation of a barn. (Because access to the property was prohibited [locked gate] the descriptions of the farm structures were taken directly from the 1991 Historic Structures Survey).

Also located on the property, and observed during the 1998 survey, is a house (viewed and photographed at a considerable distance) and two stone entrance pillars, located along Clarkston Road.

Date of Construction house-1925 (1950 remodeled); farm structures-unknown
Condition all structures-unknown
Integrity all structures-undetermined

Ownership
History See Appendix B

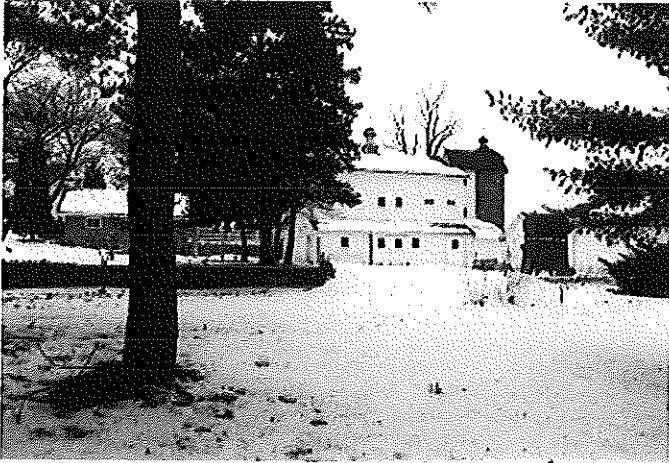
Significance This property was owned by the members of the Walter family from at least 1872-1908 (plat maps), for which Walters Lake was named. It is not know of any structures remain on the property from the time period in which the family farmstead was located on this property.

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

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7A. Barn complex and silo

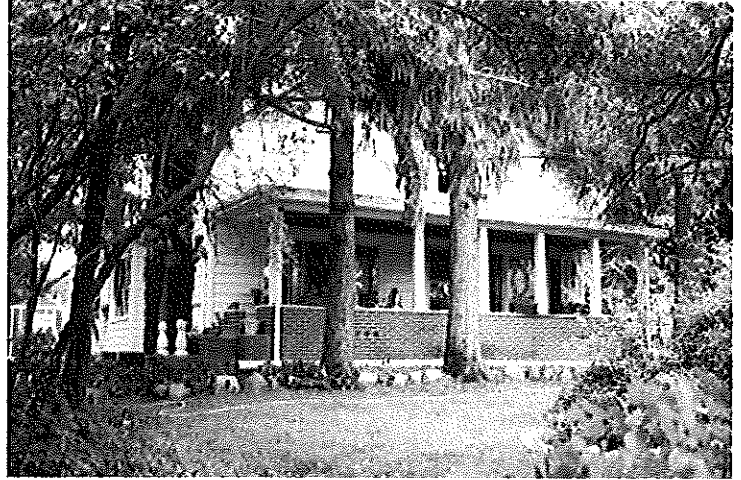


4. Entrance

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Address 5460 Clarkston 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 D. Gottschalk
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 4:5
View of Photo NE
Date of Photo 8/98
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998

Site No. 14-03
Sidwell No. 08-14-302-025



Description Two-story square house with a gable roof, a cement foundation, anachronistic exterior siding and a covered porch with brick half-walls.

Date of Construction 1915
Condition good
Integrity undetermined

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5535 Clarkston 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 Paul C. Travis II
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 2:22,23
View of Photo NW,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. 15-03
Sidwell No. 08-15-476-005



23. Residence

Description The structure of this house has changed considerably since it was described in the WPA Properties Inventory in 1939. At that time, the house was a two-story structure with a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof. Attached to the main structure was a one-story wing. All additional sections have been added since 1939. The house is covered with anachronistic siding.

Also located on the site is a barn with a concrete foundation and gambrel roof, a tile silo and a small outbuilding, and a two-car detached garage.

The 1908 township plat map identified this site as the "Pine Knob Farm."

Date of Construction house-1930 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory - This date probably represents a remodel date, the stone foundation indicates that the structure is older than 1930); barn-1898 (remodeled in 1936); silo-1928; small outbuilding-unknown; garage-unknown

Condition house-good; barn-good; silo-fair (cap missing); small outbuilding-poor; garage-good
Integrity house-poor; barn-good; silo-fair; small outbuilding-poor; garage-good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This site is significant as the farmstead of the Coon family. Issac D. Coon was one of the earliest settlers in the township, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres in section 15 by 1834. The property remained within the Coon family for over sixty years. Although it is possible, it is not known for sure if any of the structures on the site were constructed by the Coon family.

Bibliographic
Reference Chapman Bros., *Portrait and Biographical Album of Oakland County, Michigan*. Chicago: 1891.

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22. Barn, silo and small outbuilding

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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 Office
Ownership Everest Academy
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 7:15
View of Photo N
Date of Photo 2/91
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

Site No. 16-01
Sidwell No. 08-16-476-004



Description Gable-front-and-wing house with a rubble stone foundation, decorative window crowns and a one-story addition to the rear, built prior to 1939 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory). The house is partially covered with anachronistic siding and the front porch has replacement roof supports.

Date of Construction 1899 (remodeled in 1915)
Condition good
Integrity fair

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6211 Clarkston 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 Robert & Clarinda Coleman

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 1:9
View of Photo E
Date of Photo 1/91

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

Site No. 21-01
Sidwell No. 08-21-251-006



Description Two-story rectangular house with a rubble stone foundation, a gable roof and a Tudor style entrance porch, probably a later addition. A flat-roofed addition stands to the east (with balustrades) and acts as a roof balcony. The house has anachronistic siding and windows.

Date of Construction 1885 (1991 survey-reference unknown), 1928 (WPA rural inventory, possibly a remodel date)
Condition good
Integrity undetermined

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Londos, Mrs. (former owner). Personal communication. 1/7/91.
Reference Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6440 Clarkston 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 Clarkston Congregation of
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 5:5
View of Photo 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. 21-02
Sidwell No. 08-21-151-026



Description Two-story house with a dormer window, anachronistic vinyl siding, and a one-story addition to the rear. The house does not resemble the floor plan drawn in the 1939 WPA Rural Properties Inventory. It is uncertain if this reflects major changes in the structure (i.e. two-story vs. one and one-half story), or if the wrong structure was identified in the 1939 rural inventory.

Date of Construction unknown
Condition good
Integrity undetermined

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6527 Clarkston 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 Suzanne Zanoti

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 1:6
View of Photo E
Date of Photo 11/90

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

Site No. 20-02
Sidwell No. 08-20-427-001



Description Located on the site is a concrete silo and a rubble stone foundation of a barn, which has been incorporated into the construction of a contemporary house.

The farm house associated with these structures was located across the road (see site 20-01).

Date of Construction silo-unknown, barn-unknown
Condition silo-fair (no cap); barn-ruin
Integrity silo-fair; barn-poor

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Reference Henry, Mrs. Robert (former owner). Personal communication. 1/24/91
Park, Robert & Margery. Personal communication. 1/21/91
Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6560 Clarkston 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 Robert D. & Margery Parke

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 1:3
View of Photo N
Date of Photo 11/90

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

Site No. 20-01
Sidwell No. 08-20-278-006



Description Two-story L-plan house with a stone foundation, two bay windows, and attenuated windows with decorative window crowns. The facade has two front-gables, with a decorative "S" located in the secondary gable (presumably for "Sibley", the family that owned the house in the late 1800s and early 1900s). The house has anachronistic siding, and several additions, built prior to 1939 (shown on the WPA Rural Properties Inventory).

The farm's barns and silos were located across the road from the house (see site 20-02).

Date of Construction 1884 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory), 1864 (1991 survey-reference unknown)
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance The house is architecturally significant as a good example of the late 19th houses built within the township. It retains many of its original decorative features.

The site was also the property of Nelson Clark, who with his brother Jeremiah platted the first tract of land in Clarkston. It has not been determined whether the house was constructed during the time period when Nelson owned the property.

Bibliographic Reference Henry, Mrs. Robert (former owner). Personal communication. 1/24/91
Park, Robert & Margery. Personal communication. 1/21/91
Seeley, Thaodeus D., *History of Oakland County, Volume 1*. Chicago & New York: Lewis Publishing Company. 1912.

Additional references: see Appendix A