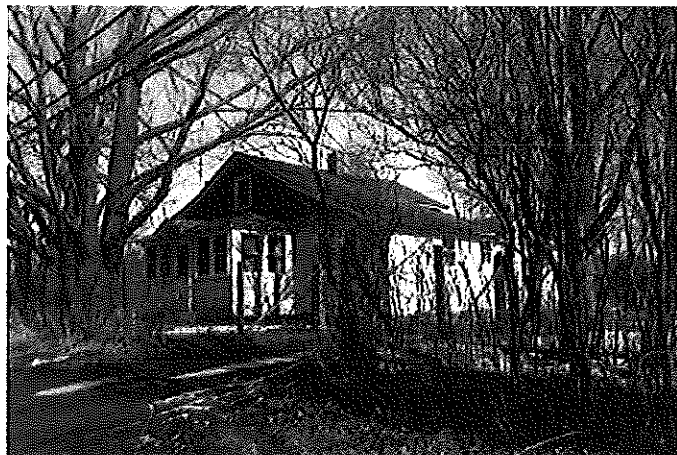


INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

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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 Single-family residence
Ownership Walter Napierski
Photography
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Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998

Site No. 36-02
Sidwell No. 08-36-300-008



20. Residence

Description Rectangular one and one-half story house with a gable roof, an enclosed porch, and a one-story addition to the south.

Also located on the property is an outbuilding with concrete half-walls and a gable roof.

Date of Construction house-1837 (remodeled in 1938); outbuilding-unknown
Condition house-good; outbuilding-fair
Integrity house-poor; outbuilding-undetermined

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Owners have original abstract and historic photos of the house.
Reference Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 4680 Clintonville Rd
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Sidwell No. 08-36-300-008



35. Barn

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5840 Clintonville Rd
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 Single-family residence
Ownership
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 7:6
View of Photo E
Date of Photo 9/98
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998

Site No. 25-04
Sidwell No.



Description Gable-front-and-wing house with anachronistic siding.

Date of Construction unknown
Condition good
Integrity undetermined

Ownership
History See Appendix B

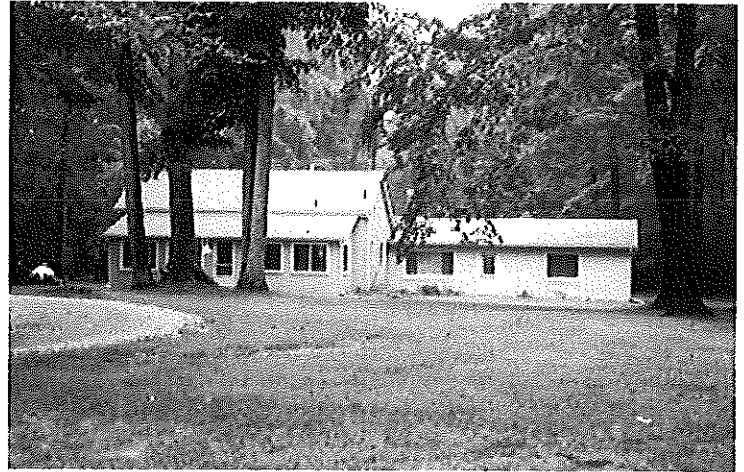
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Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6150 Clintonville Rd
Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland
USGS Map Title Pontiac North
Area Map Independence Fire Department
Street Address Map - 2/14/96
Original Usage Summer house
Present Usage Single-family residence
Ownership Margaret Bossert
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

Site No. 25-02
Sidwell No. 08-25-100-005



Description One and one-half story rectangular house with a gable roof and a concrete post foundation. Anachronistic changes to the house since 1939 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory) include the enclosure of the front porch and the construction of a one-story addition to the south.

Date of Construction 1930
Condition good
Integrity fair

Site History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6480 Clintonville Rd
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 Single-family residence
Ownership Janar Properties
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 7:8
View of Photo SE
Date of Photo 9/98
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998

Site No. 25-03
Sidwell No. 08-25-100-001



Description The house has the basic shape and roof pitch of a side-gabled Greek Revival houses that were typically constructed throughout the township. Anachronistic changes to the structure including windows, decorative shutters, metal awnings and exterior siding.

Date of Construction unknown (An indication of a house on this property appears in the 1872 Atlas of Oakland County, Michigan.)

Condition good
Integrity poor

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 6851 Clintonville Rd
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 Single-family residence
Ownership Jonathan & Nancy Penrose
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 2:35
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. 23-01
Sidwell No. 08-23-426-006



Description Front-gabled Greek Revival house. Anachronistic changes to the structure include a concrete foundation, an enclosed porch, decorative wood shutters, and aluminum siding and windows. The house lacks the wide trim band which typically emphasizes the cornice lines of Greek Revival houses.

Date of Construction house-1837, remodeled in 1913 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory)
Condition good
Integrity poor

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This house is significant as the home of the Beardslee family from 1836 until at least 1896 (plat maps). The property was purchased in 1836 by Benagar and James Beardslee, relatives of John W. Beardslee, the first person to purchase and settle land in the township.

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

Address 7531 Clintonville Rd
Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland
USGS Map Title Oakland
Area Map Independence Fire Department
Street Address Map - 2/14/96
Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence
Ownership Frederick J. Ecklund
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 7:9
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. 14-04
Sidwell No. 08-14-476-014



Description Two-story rectangular plan house with a concrete block foundation, a gable roof and a one-story addition to the rear. The house has anachronistic exterior siding.

Date of Construction 1875
Condition good
Integrity fair

Ownership
History See Appendix B

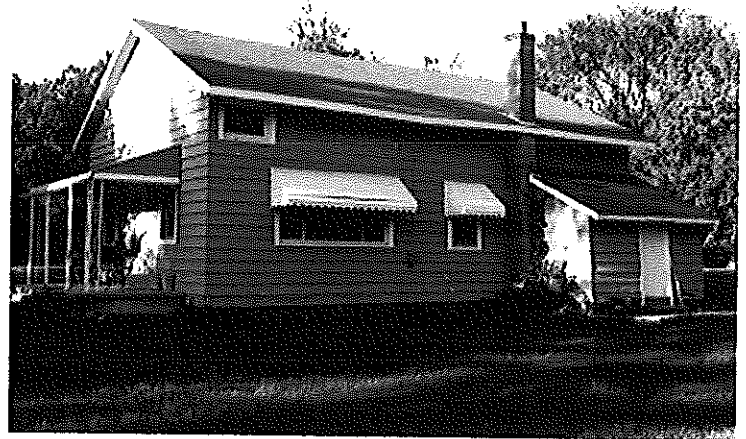
Significance This site is significant as the John J (1834), Amos (1857-1896 plat maps) and the Mills V. (1908-1930 plat maps) Beardslee farmstead. The Beardslees were relatives of John W. Beardslee, the first person to purchase and settle land within the township.

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 7610 Clintonville Rd
Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland
USGS Map Title Oxford
Area Map Independence Fire Department
Street Address Map - 2/14/96
Original Usage School house
Present Usage Single-family residence
Ownership James Dixon
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 7:10
View of Photo NE
Date of Photo 9/98
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998

Site No. 13-04
Sidwell No. 08-13-301-015



Description Wood frame schoolhouse with many anachronistic changes including a concrete block chimney and aluminum window awnings and exterior siding.

Date of Construction ca. 1840
Condition good
Integrity fair

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This structure is significant as one of only two extant schoolhouses within the township. Hunter's School, as it was known, was the fourth school built in the township. In 1840 ninety dollars were raised by the citizens of Independence Township to construct this building; parents were assessed two cents each day that their children attended the school.

Bibliographic Reference Waddell, Richard Lee. *A Bicentennial Historical Sketch of Oakland Co.* Pontiac, Michigan. The Commission. 1976.

Seeley, Thaddeus D. *History of Oakland County.* Lewis Publishing Co. 1912

Additional references: see Appendix A