

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address (no address) Dixie Hwy

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

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

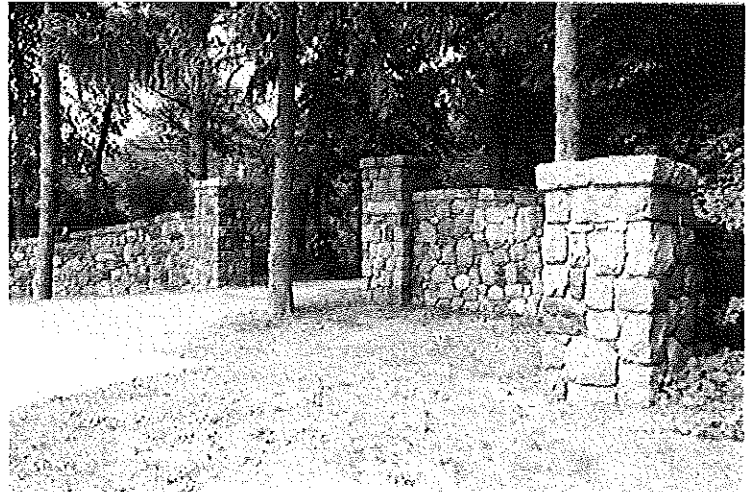
Original Usage Entrance - Deer Lake Farm
Present Usage Entrance - Deer Lake Subdivision

Ownership

Photography
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View of Photo NE
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 19-02
Sidwell No.



Description Stone walls standing at the Dixie Highway entrance to the Deer Lake Subdivision. A plaque on the eastern wall reads: "Deer Lake Farm, Erected in Loving Memory of James B. Delbridge & Ellen J. Delbridge"

Date of Construction 1928
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance In 1930 W.H. Noble owned the property, which encompassed one hundred acres along the southern edge of Deer Lake. In the 1930s the property was divided into two sections, one developed into the Deer Lake Subdivision.
(see also 19-01)

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5859 Dixie Hwy

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Original Usage

Present Usage Rods House of Style

Ownership Rods House of Style

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 5:25
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. 33-10
Sidwell No. 99-10-585-910



Description Two-story rectangular building with a gable roof and a dormer window. Several changes have been made on the facade facing Dixie Highway since the 1991 Historic Structures Survey including the replacement of the two upstairs windows with arched windows, and the replacement of anachronistic siding with a stucco finish.

Date of Construction unknown
Condition good
Integrity undetermined

Ownership
History See Appendix B

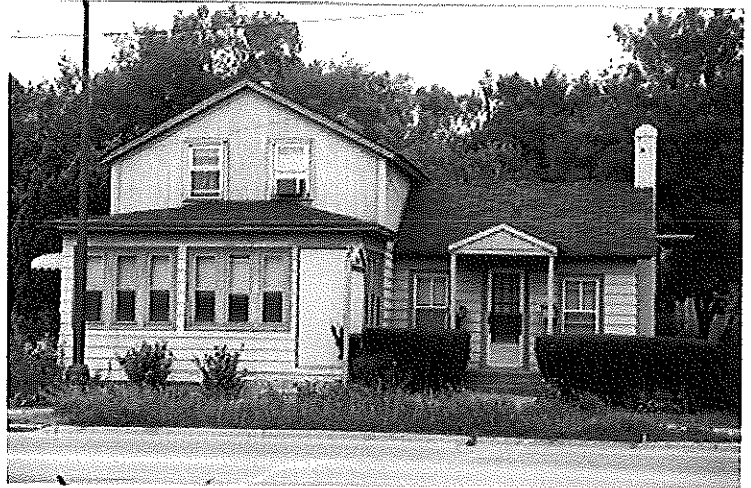
Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

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Address 5863 Dixie Hwy
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County Oakland
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Street Address Map - 2/14/96
Original Usage
Present Usage Business
Ownership
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 5:24
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. 33-09
Sidwell No.



Description Two-story rectangular building with a gable roof, an enclosed porch, and a one-story addition.

Date of Construction unknown
Condition good
Integrity undetermined

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5864 Dixie Hwy
Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland
USGS Map Title Clarkston
Area Map Independence Fire Department
Street Address Map - 2/14/96
Original Usage Commercial Building
Present Usage Restaurant
Ownership David Kurko
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 5:23
View of Photo NE
Date of Photo 8/98
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998

Site No. 33-06
Sidwell No. 08-33-357-001



Description Brick two-story commercial building with the name "Foley" on the facade. A one-story contemporary addition has been added to the facade of the structure.

Date of Construction unknown
Condition good
Integrity fair

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5941 Dixie Hwy

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 Valentin & Sally J. Goldner

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 5:27
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. 33-07
Sidwell No. 08-33-351-025



Description Originally a simple structure built for a farm supervisor, the house was extensively remodeled in 1934. Changes made to the original structure include: the construction of a two-car garage and a porch connecting it to the house, the extension of the facade with a fireplace addition, and the construction of an addition housing two bedrooms and a bath built on the south side of the house.

This house is associated with site 33-08. Both of these sites were originally located on the same farmstead.

Date of Construction 1918
Condition good
Integrity undetermined

Ownership History See Appendix B

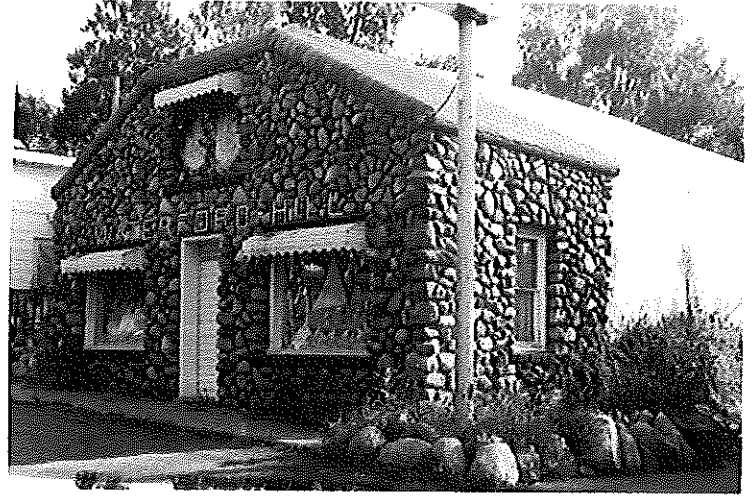
Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Reference Howieson, Horace (former owner). Personal communication. 1991.
Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5992 Dixie Hwy
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Street Address Map - 2/14/96
Original Usage Florist/Greenhouse
Present Usage Waterford Hill Forist &
Greenhouse
Ownership
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 5:19
View of Photo NE
Date of Photo 8/98
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 26, 1998

Site No. 33-03
Sidwell No.



Description Florist shop with a rubble stone facade, and an attached green house. To the north of the structure is another building, connected to the stone facade building by a small enclosed walkway.

Date of Construction ca. 1923
Condition good
Integrity ood

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance The structure is architecturally significant as a good example of the stone exterior structures that were typically built within the township during the 1920s & 1930s.

Bibliographic Employee at Florist shop. Personal communication. August 1998
Reference Additional references:see Appendix A

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Address 6485 Dixie Hwy
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 Realtor Office
Ownership Wilhelm Properties Inc.
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 5:10
View of Photo SE
Date of Photo 8/98
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998

Site No. 32-01
Sidwell No. 08-32-227-007



Description Gable-front-and-wing Greek Revival house with a rubble stone foundation and a small recessed front porch. Unhewn tree trunks can be seen in the basement's structural system. Much of the house's hardware is original. An addition with anachronistic vinyl siding was constructed on the west of the house (date unknown). A handicapped ramp stands in the corner between this ramp and the house's main wing. The house has an anachronistic chimney.

The 1908 township plat map identified the farmstead associated with this house as the "Mountain View Farm."

Date of Construction 1840 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory)
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance The house is architecturally significant as a good example of the Greek Revival style of houses that were typically constructed within the township. It is one of the best remaining examples in the southern sections of the township.

It is also significant as the site of the Moon farmstead. Stephen Moon owned the property as early as 1857 (plat map), and the Moon family owned the property for over fifty years. The Moon farm was one of the township's most prosperous farms in the 19th century.

Bibliographic Reference Radcliff, Jennifer (ed.) *Heritage: A Pictorial History of Independence Township and the Village of Clarkston*. Clarkston, Michigan: Clarkston Community Historical Society. 1976.

Realty agent. Personal communication. 1/18/91

Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

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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 Arthur L. Rose Jr.

Photography
Roll: Frame No. 5:6,7
View of Photo 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. 19-01
Sidwell No. 08-19-301-027



6. Residence

Description Gable-front-and-wing house with a stone foundation, clapboard siding and a covered front porch with Craftsman style roof supports, probably an early 20th century addition. The house has anachronistic decorative shutters.

Also located on the property is a barn, which has been converted into a residence, a multi-stalled garage, and several small outbuildings. Only one of these structures was photographed, the others were visually obstructed by vegetation.

The 1908 township plat map identifies this site as "Deer Lake Farm."

Date of Construction house- ca. late 1800;
Condition house-fair; additional structures-undetermined
Integrity house-good; additional structures-undetermined

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance In 1930 W.H. Noble owned the property, which encompassed one hundred acres along the southern edge of Deer Lake. In the 1930s the property was divided into two sections, one developed into the Deer Lake Subdivision. (see also 19-02)

Bibliographic Reference Rose, Mrs. Personal communication. 1/15/91
Additional references: see Appendix A

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Site No. 19-01
Sidwell No. 08-19-301-027



7. Outbuilding