

## INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

**Address** 6800 Hubbard 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  
& business (Selmar Farms)

**Ownership** Maria J. Baylis

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 15:23A  
**View of Photo** NE  
**Date of Photo** 2/91

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

**Site No.** 08-04  
**Sidwell No.** 08-08-300-021



**Description** A two-story house, with a gable roof, a board and batten exterior, and a rubble stone chimney. It appears that many alterations and additions have been made to this building. A closer inspection is necessary to determine the age and integrity of the house.

**Date of Construction** 1840 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory); 1976 (township tax records, possibly a remodel date)  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** undetermined

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

**Significance** Undetermined

**Bibliographic**  
**Reference** See Appendix A

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**Ownership** Mark S. & Joy Easley

**Photography**  
**Roll: Frame No.** 1:33  
**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.** 17-01  
**Sidwell No.** 08-17-126-014



**Description** Gable-front-and-wing house with a stone foundation. Anachronistic features include aluminum siding, an attached two-car garage and the extension of the front covered porch. Original turned porch supports have been replaced with simple square supports.

**Date of Construction** 1885  
**Condition** good  
**Integrity** fair

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

**Significance** The house is significant as the house of George Urch. Urch was born in Bristol England in 1829 and traveled with his parents to America in 1835. His family was among the first settlers in the township. The Urch family owned the property that the house is located on for at least fifty years.

**Bibliographic Reference** Chapman Bros., *Portrait and Biographical Album of Oakland County, Michigan*. Chicago: 1891.  
Additional references: see Appendix A