

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5285 Oak Hill Rd

Governmental Unit Independence Township
County Oakland

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

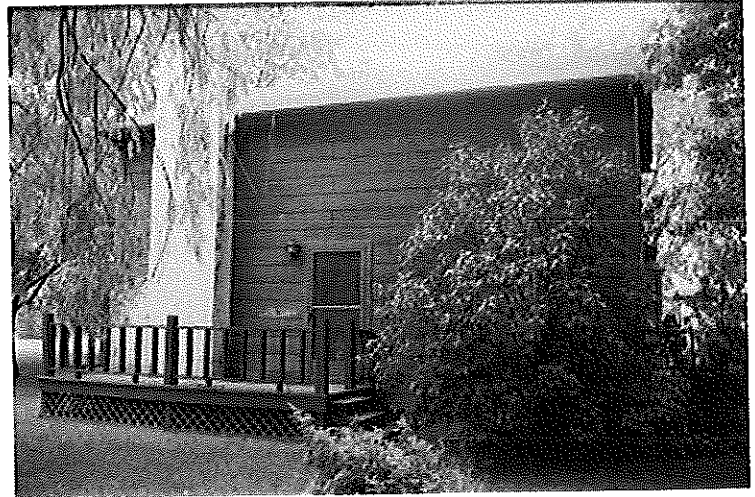
Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Thomas & Mary Kretz Sr.

Photography
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View of Photo NW,NW,S,SW,SE,SE
Date of Photo 8/98

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

Site No. 02-02
Sidwell No. 08-02-100-006



22. Residence

Description It appears that the original facade of the house, which would have faced Oak Hill Road, has been severely altered. Today the primary entrance to the house is on the west side, along the one-story addition. Other anachronistic changes to the house include a concrete chimney, several wooden decks and horizontal wood siding.

Farm structures associated with the home include a large barn with a stone/concrete foundation and gambrel roof; a smaller outbuilding with gable roof, referred to by a family member as the carriage house; a milk house; two concrete silos (Smith Silo Co. of Oxford Mi.); and several smaller outbuildings, including a several attached to the main barn.

Date of Construction house-1878 (WPA Rural Property Inventory); milk house-1916 (WPA Rural Property Inventory); Silos-unknown; large barn - unknown
Two barns were listed on the WPA Rural Property Inventory, neither exactly fits the description of the existing large barn, possibly indicating that a roof was replace or a newer barn built on an older foundation. A machine building was listed by the WPA, built in 1886 measuring 30' x 24' - perhaps this is the carriage house.

Condition house-good; farm structures-good
Integrity house-poor; farm structures-good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This property is significant because it is one of the few properties in the township with its original farmhouse and multiple farm buildings.

Bibliographic Kretz, Mr. & Mrs. Personal communication. January 21, 1991
Reference Kretz family member. Personal communication. August, 1998
Additional references: see Appendix A

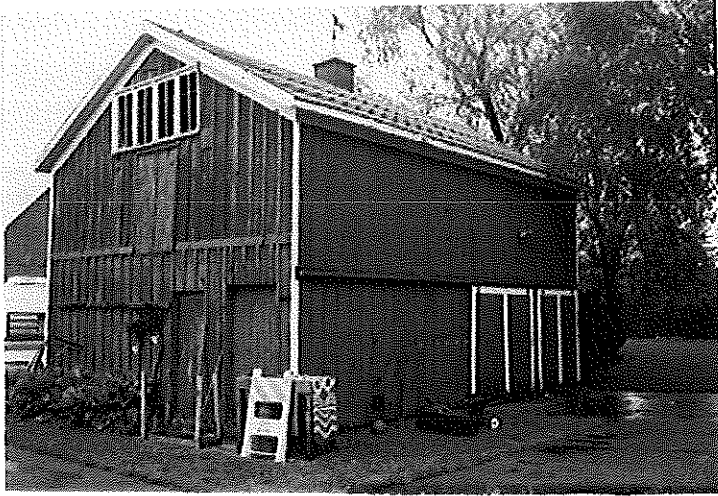
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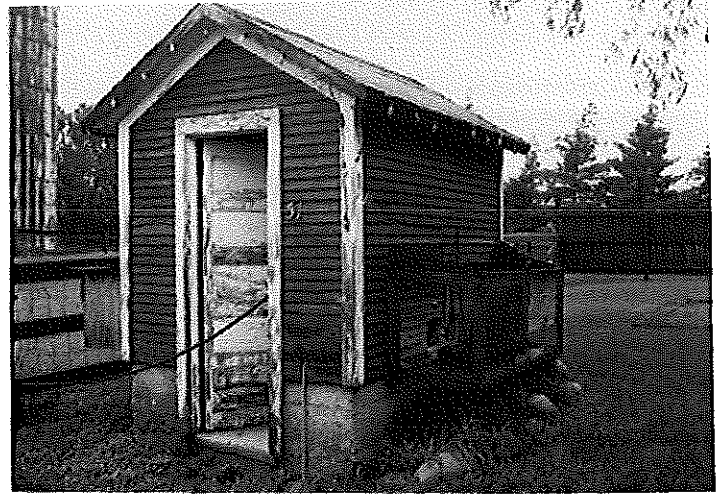
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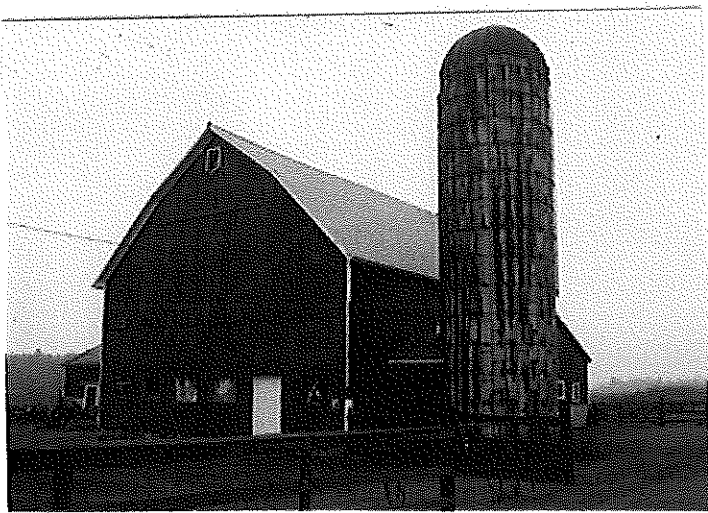
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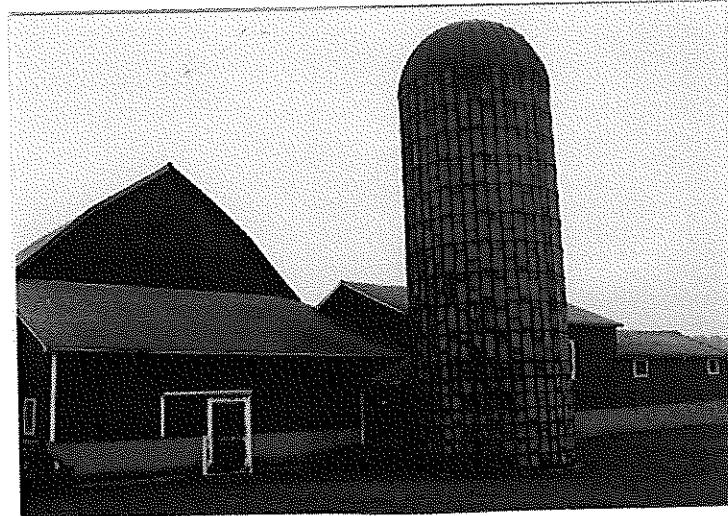
18. Carriage house



19. Small farm building



20. Main barn and silo (SW view)



21. Main barn, smaller barns and 2nd silo (SE view)

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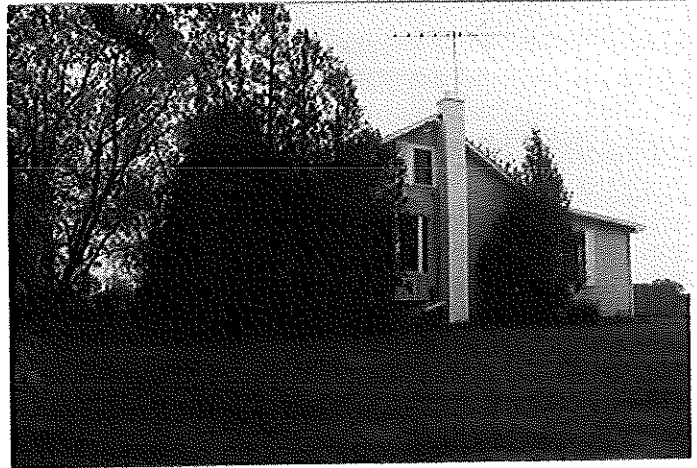
Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Craig Arnold

Photography
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View of Photo SW
Date of Photo 2/91

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

Site No. 03-01
Sidwell No. 08-03-201-006



Description One and one-half story vernacular farmhouse with anachronistic siding and an exterior chimney. The WPA Rural Property Inventory describes the house as a one-story building with a ten foot lean-to. If the description in the report is accurate, than a second floor has been added since 1939.

Date of Construction 1910 (township tax records), 1926 (WPA Rural Property Inventory)
Condition good
Integrity undetermined - excessive vegetation

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

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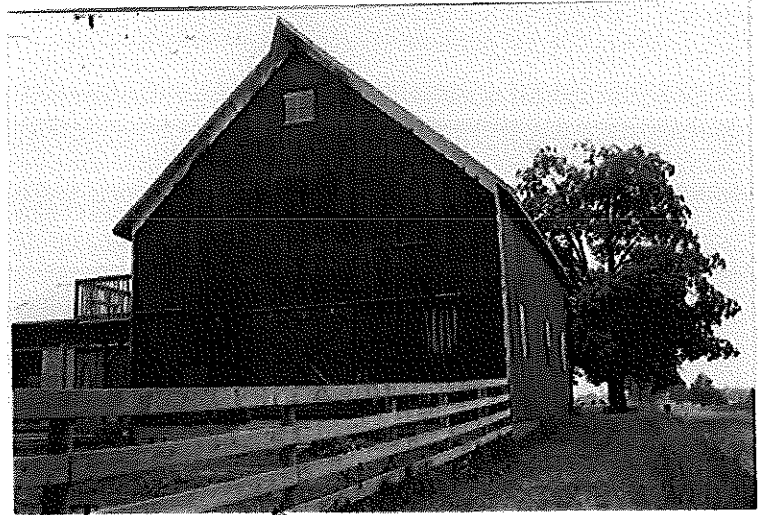
Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage (unknown)

Ownership (unknown)

Photography
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View of Photo SW,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. 03-05
Sidwell No. (unknown)



3. Barn (1 of 2)

Description

There are two barns on the property, both with gable roofs. One barn has an asphalt roof and a concrete foundation, the other has a metal roof, its foundation was not visible. According to the WPA Rural Property Inventory, in 1939 a farm was located at the northeastern corner of Perry Lake and Oak Hill Roads. The farmstead was approximately four and a half acres and its main entrance was on Perry Lake Road, south of the extant barns. The inventory indicates that there were several barns associated with the property—two general barns with gable roofs built in 1880, one with a stone foundation and one with a concrete foundation; and a dairy barn. Typically barns are located in the general area of the farmhouse; however, it is possible that the extant barns, accessed from Oak Hill Road, were associated with the 1939 farmstead.

Date of Construction undetermined - see above.
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

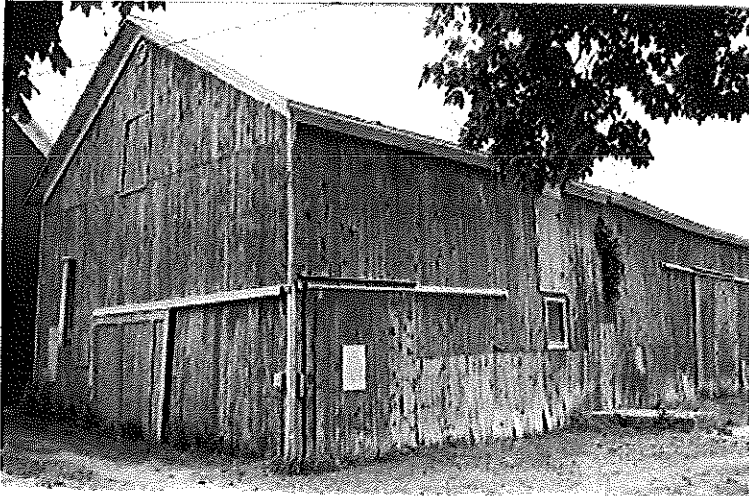
Significance undetermined

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4. Barn (2 of 2)