

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 8490 Ortonville 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

Ownership Wanda & John Lohmeier

Photography
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View of Photo NE
Date of Photo 9/98

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

Site No. 17-05
Sidwell No. 08-17-201-013



Description Side-gabled Greek Revival house with clapboard siding and a pair of frieze band windows. A one-story addition was constructed to the rear of the house. Also located on the site is a stone lined well.

Date of Construction ca. 1840
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership History See Appendix B

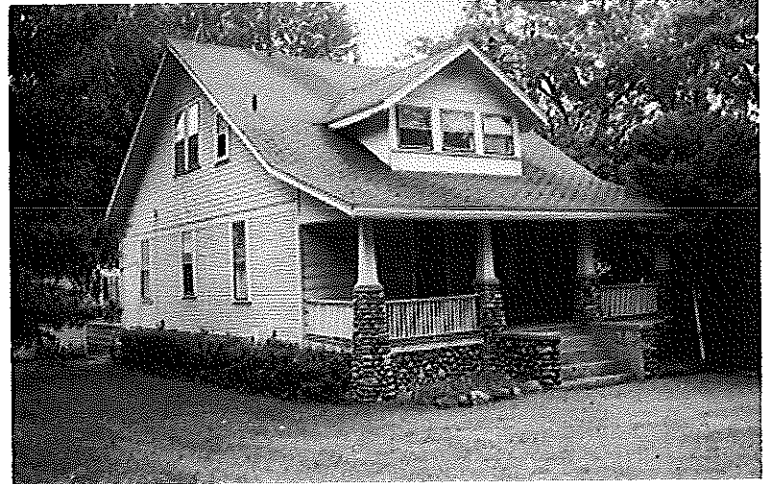
Significance This house is significant as the home of John Walter, one of the earliest settlers in Independence Township. The property was owned by the Walter's family for at least ninety years. The extended family of the Walters owned several plots in the northern sections of the township, on Ortonville Road and around Walters Lake.

Bibliographic Reference Lekzian, Constance. "The Clarkston Times." The Clarkston News. June 20, 1967.
Additional references: see Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 8660 Ortonville Rd
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Street Address Map - 2/14/96
Original Usage Single-family residence
Present Usage Single-family residence
Ownership Andrew & Laura Townsend
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 1:35
View of Photo 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. 08-03
Sidwell No. 08-08-400-025



Description One and one-half story bungalow with a gable roof (with dormer) and a covered front porch. The front porch, as well as the chimney on the south side of the house, are constructed of rubble stone.

Date of Construction 1924 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory), 1928 (township tax records)
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This house is architecturally significant as a good example of the bungalow style of houses that were constructed within the township in the 1920s & 1930s.

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

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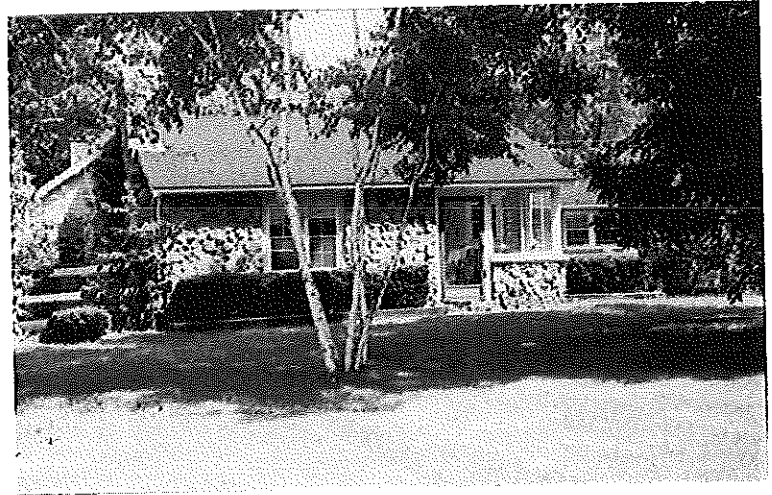
Original Usage Single-family residence
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Thomas & Elizabeth Lievois

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. 08-02
Sidwell No. 08-08-400-001



Description One-story house with a rubble stone facade and chimney.

Date of Construction 1926
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This residence is architecturally significant as a good example of the stone exterior structures commonly built within the township during the 1920s & 1930s.

Bibliographic
Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 9651 Ortonville 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
Ownership Jeffrey & Donna Sanders
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 7:20
View of Photo NW
Date of Photo 9/98
Surveyor/ Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

Site No. 05-03
Sidwell No. 08-05-300-041



Description Front-gabled house with many anachronistic changes including the concrete foundation, exterior siding, window replacements and relocations, and a small bay window.

Date of Construction 1880 (township tax records), 1938 (WPA Rural Property Inventory-remodel date or mistake for 1838?)
The returned cornice treatment of the front gable, and the pitch of the roof indicate that this house might date from the Greek Revival era, however, there have been many exterior changes, making the structure difficult to date.

Condition good
Integrity poor

Ownership History See Appendix B

Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

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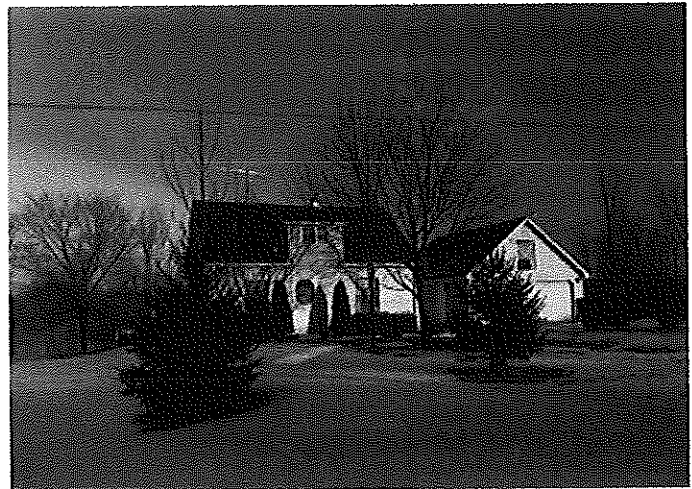
Original Usage Farmstead
Present Usage Single-family residence

Ownership Charles & Cathy Kirk

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Date of Photo 2/91

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

Site No. 05-01
Sidwell No. 08-05-451-011



Description One and one-half story side-gabled house with a cement block foundation. A two-car detached garage stands to the south of the house.

Date of Construction 1940
Condition good
Integrity good

Ownership History See Appendix B

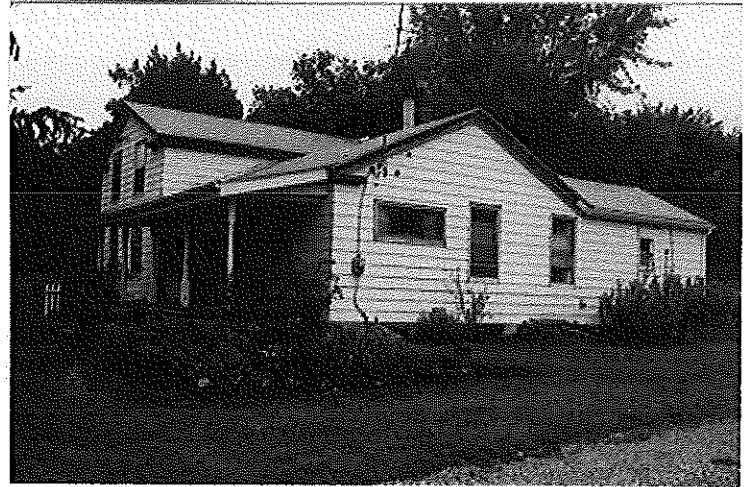
Significance Undetermined

Bibliographic Reference See Appendix A

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 10061 Ortonville 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 residential
Ownership Eugene E. & Rosemary Deboer
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 2:2
View of Photo SW
Date of Photo 8/98
Surveyor/ Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 27, 1998

Site No. 05-02
Sidwell No. 08-05-101-031



Description Gable-front-and-wing Greek Revival house with a rubble stone foundation, and a covered front porch. The house lacks the wide trim band which typically emphasizes the cornice lines of Greek Revival houses. Additional anachronistic changes include aluminum siding and the front porch (concrete block foundation and turned porch supports).

Also located on the property, in back of the house, are the burnt ruins of a barn.

Date of Construction house-1850

Condition house-good; barn-ruins
Integrity house-fair; barn-poor
The house is located adjacent to a party store. This association detracts from the original rural quality of the property's landscape.

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This site is significant as the home of William Dunston. Dunston, originating from England, was one of the early settlers in Independence township, settling in 1836 in section 5. Along with several other early settlers (Wm. Holcomb & John Derrick), William Dunston introduced the first blood stock within the township, purchasing a small herd of Durhams and Devons. The property was owned by members of the Duston family until the late 1920s.

Bibliographic Reference Tate, Edna (former owner). Personal communication. 1/15/91.
Everts, L. H. and Company, *History of Oakland County, Michigan*. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott and Company. 1877.

Additional references: see Appendix A