

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 7278 Ranch 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 Golf Course (development)
Ownership Oakhurst Limited Partnership
Photography
Roll: Frame No. 19:17 2:30,31,32,33,34
View of Photo SW SE,NW,S,S,NW
Date of Photo 2/91 8/98
Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
Recorder/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 28, 1998

Site No. 24-01
Sidwell No. 08-24-200-003



17. Residence

Description Two-story house with a stone foundation, and a wrap around front porch. The original house has been added onto many times, several since 1939 (WPA Rural Properties Inventory). It is unknown which section is the original house built in the 1837. The exterior of the structure is a combination of wood and cut stone finish. The stone finish was probably added ca. 1930.

Also located on the site are several farm structures including a large barn with post and beam construction with both stone and brick half walls, a concrete silo, stone half-walls ruins of a large barn, stone half-walls ruins of a smaller barn, a metal corn crib, and a wood frame outbuilding with a stucco exterior surface.

Date of Construction house-1837; large barn with a gable roof-1837; silo-unknown; smaller barn (stone walls)-unknown; larger barn (stone walls)-unknown; metal corn crib-unknown; stucco outbuilding-unknown

Condition house-poor; large barn with a gable roof-fair; silo-fair (cap missing); smaller barn (stone walls)-ruins; larger barn (stone walls)-ruins; metal corn crib-good; stucco structure-good

Integrity house-undetermined; large barn with a gable roof-good; silo-fair; smaller barn (stone walls)-poor; larger barn (stone walls)-poor; metal corn crib-good; stucco structure-undetermined

Ownership History See Appendix B

Significance Although the architectural integrity of the site is generally low, the site is significant because of the amount of extant farm buildings and ruins located on it.

The large existing barn is significant because it is one of the oldest remaining barns in the township.

Bibliographic Reference Oakland County Office of Deeds, Independence Township, Section 21-24. Loose Leaf.
 Wilson, Gar (Fire Chief, Independence Township). Personal communication. 11/20/90
 Tax Assessment Roll Microfiche, 1900-1926. (Independence Township Public Library)
 Additional references: see Appendix A

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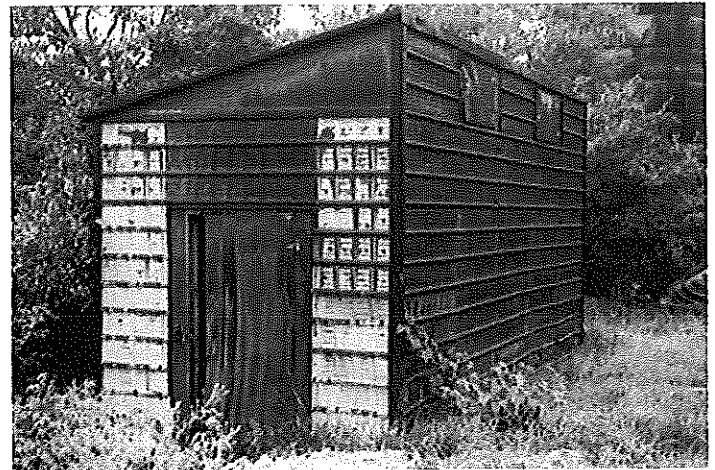
30. Largest existing barn (left), ruins of smaller barn (center)



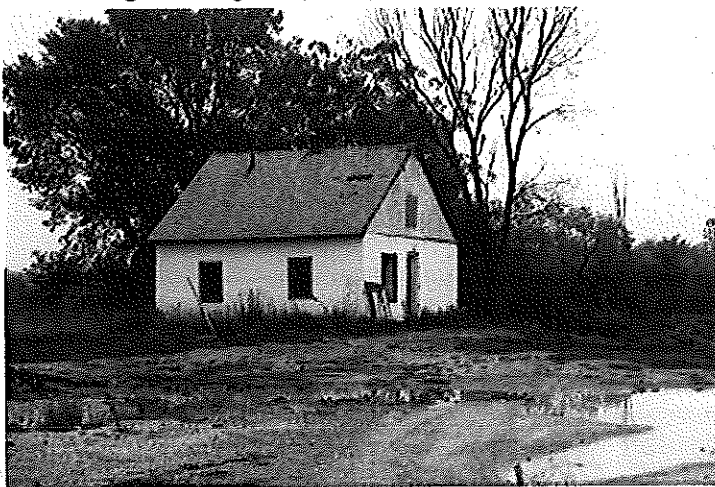
31. Largest existing barn (NW view), foundation ruins from another large barn



32. Largest existing barn (S view) and silo



33. Crib



34. Outbuilding