

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Address 5293 Sunnyside Dr

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 Residence, Apartments

Ownership Norman Christea

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Surveyor/Date D. Dietrich-Smith/Aug 8-12, 1998
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Site No. 35-02
Sidwell No. 08-35-127-034



Description Two-story L-plan house with a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof. Anachronistic changes to the house include its exterior siding, and the wooden deck on the southeast side. Although records show that the structure was built in 1850, its dominate two-story L-plan section indicates that it was built later in the century. Further investigation would be necessary to determine if the smaller one-story wing to the rear of the structure was the original structure built in 1850.

Date of Construction 1850 (see above)
Condition good
Integrity fair

Ownership
History See Appendix B

Significance This site is significant as part of the Fisher farmstead. Adam Fisher was one of the earliest settlers in the township, locating on this site in 1833. Fisher is credited with having one of the first, if not the first frame house in the township. The Fisher family occupied this site until at least 1908 (plat map).

Bibliographic Reference Everts, L. H. and Company, *History of Oakland County, Michigan*. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott and Company. 1877.

Additional references: see Appendix A