

TROY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

Troy City Hall
August 26, 1986

CALL TO ORDER: 7:45 pm

Present: Scott, Godlewski, Allemon, Lewis, R. Miller
Absent: Renshaw, Baron, M. Miller

Item - Site Survey.

Special meeting was called due to proposed development in an area which contains a designated historical structure and an area of historical lore. Chairman Scott presented information to date. See attached letter to Council for explanation.

Further discussion with the following suggestions to Council for consideration.

1. Leave on site and utilize and renovate into a useful structure such as complex office facility.
2. Move to the single family area abutt it to the multi, make it a part of the transition.
3. Assist the owners to relocate the structure as they did not know of its designation or history and did not want to be surrounded by multi. They like the house but do not know what to do.
4. Utilize the advantage of a historical marker and/or locate the house nearby to let the old blend with the new.
5. Help defray the impact of complete change by designation of the large old oak and maples and prevent their destruction. Utilize the lore of the Indians camping nearby.

This might be an isolated case at this time, but it also, can be the beginning of our concerns for other structures on our list, but as yet not designated.

Site Survey presented for Toll-gate Historical Marker
Moved by R. Miller Support by Lewis
The Site Survey for Toll Gate Historical Marker be
submitted to the City Council in accordance with
Chapter 13 of the City Code for consideration as
Historical designation

Yea: 5
Nay: none
Motion carried.

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Item - Site Surveys

Surveys were presented for five structures,

Millard-Kelly House owned by M/M Martin Clinton
Dennison House owned by M/M Kenneth Frantz
Toms-Crombie-Donaldson House owned by R. Copenhagen
Gregory-Belz House owned by M/M Wilfred Bedford
Peter Crombie House owned by M/M Charles Wilkop

Moved by Allermom Support by Godlewski
The Site Surveys for the named structures be
submitted to the City Council in accordance with
Chapter 13 of the City Code for consideration of
Historical designation.

Yea: 5

Nay: none

Motion carried.

Item - Site Survey

Cider Mill, Long Lake & Livernois Rd. A request to
Council for our feasibility study.
Discussion of possible use and/or renovation of
structure. Building has been unused for some time.
Has original cider press. History of the surrounding
area utilizes the mill as a viable asset to the economy
during the middle 1900's. The mill is still in working
order with a few minor repairs according to Mr. Yates.
The press is presently owned by one of the local non-
profit organizations. The building is of cement, but
would need new roof along with wiring and plumbing.
could be used as a showplace for small office or boutique.
Commission would like to meet Saturday September 12 with
necessary City personell to pursue the lease and feasibility
use of the structure. Troy has never had a mill/press and
we feel this should be looked at. Chairman to contact

Item - Site Survey

The Michigan History Division is still requesting that
we update our Site Survey of structures and sites.
are too late for Matching Funds Grant. The History
Division requires one set of prints with negatives.
Plus suggests one set remain on file locally. We estimate
6 rolls of film with developing. We have forms and
necessary paperwork for a survey and update for infor-
mation to establish a criteria of value to the community.

Item - Adjourn

Moved by: Allermom

Support by: R. Miller

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm

Yea: all

Next regular meeting Oct 21, 1986
7:30 pm

SITE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

IDENTIFICATION

1. Site name One and only toll gate site
2. County Oakland City Troy
3. Location 20' south of brick structure on cor Rochester & Sq. Lake
4. Ownership of land Public XXX
5. Present Owner Holtzman & Silverman
6. Use Original Vacant area Present vacant
proposed turn-in for historical marker to mark spot
7. Accessibility to Public visible from public road

DESCRIPTION

Integrity is original site
See attached supporting evidence

Relation to area

Most State markers are in keeping with area. This particular marker is directly across from the Sylvan Glen structure which has historical significance due to the Indian folk lore and the road which was the gate-way to the north out of Troy and the gate-way to town which many settlers had to traverse for supplies.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

It is important that we mark this particular spot as it was the main spot of a long past era. The part it played in the road system and has proven over the years that it was on the right pathway to and from home, pleasure and business.

This particular spot designation with a marker turn-off will not attract or deter traffic of the traffic rush at 5:00. This type of Historical marker is merely of interest to Sunday drivers or visitors interested in its statement.

This marker would be # 7 to be in the City, the others are at

1. Troy corners - double marker
2. Museum area - single
3. K mart World Headquarters - single
4. Kresge Foundation Offices - single
5. Wattles house - single
6. Barn Church - single

August 13, 1986

Troy City Council

Re: Proposed Historical Site with State Marker.

At the Planning Commission Meeting of July 22, 1986, Item # 11 was a Proposed Rezoning at the Southeast Corner of Rochester and Square Lake Rds in Section 11. This proposal was by Holtzman & Silverman for a renovation of the area which also covers one of our designated Historic Houses plus the Site of one of two of Troys Toll Road designations.

Mr. Keasling suggested that the Chairman of the District Commission should meet with the developers, which occurred on Aug 11, 1986, at which time Mr. Menzell and Mr. Carl Skrzynski both were in agreement to recheck the landscaping for what we find in the history books as 1. "An old oak tree under which the Indians camped overnight and then were found the next morning in front of the fireplace of the Blount Family (Sylvan Glen). 2. A designated spot on Rochester Road which was the Southwest corner of the house fronting Rochester Road and was the St. John-Dusenbury house from which a toll was extracted for use of the plank road while passing thru Troy. (Note information on attached booklet).

Both gentlemen seemed in agreement that landscaping could be accomplished so that a State Historical Marker could be placed on the site of the Toll Gate.

Therefore we are submitting the necessary owner consent form to cover the owners of property signature, which will be needed if the development in Section 11 occurs after their Public Hearing which will be before Council in September.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Historic District Commission

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I understand that the Toll Road Gate Site
located in Troy, Michigan, County of Oakland, and owned by Holtzman &
Silverman, is being submitted to the Michigan History Division
of the Michigan Department of State for inclusion in the statewide historic
resource inventory and, potentially, for nomination to the State Register of
Historic Sites. I am aware that no legal restrictions or allowances are
conferred to the property should the proposed site be found eligible for
State Registration by the Michigan Historical Commission. Therefore, I
_____ give my consent to the above mentioned
review and potential nomination to the State Register of Historic Sites.

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Signed _____ Dated _____

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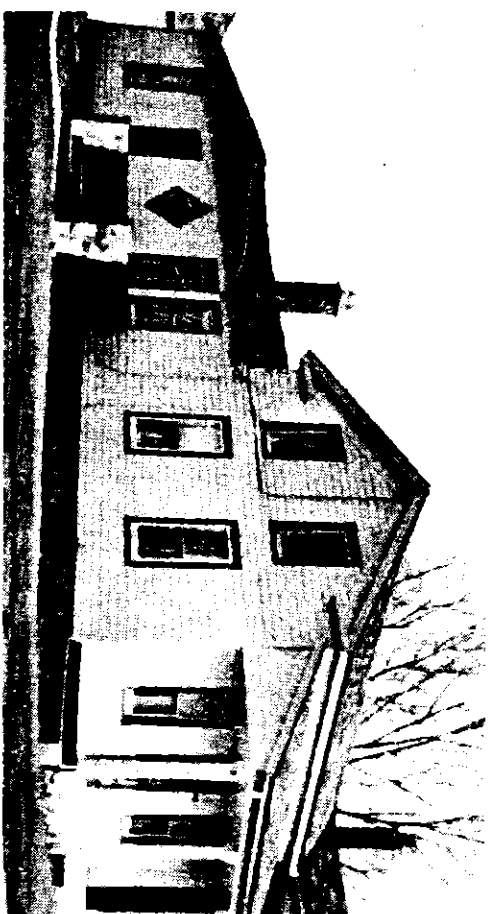
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Legends tell us that the trails of the Indians are the roads of today. The Indian trails were highways of travel rather than of transportation. A trail suitable for men going single file or on horseback was in many places impassable for wagons. Considerable work was involved in converting the Indian trails into roads. One such trail is now a main thoroughfare in the City of Troy. Leading down the east side of Oakland County following the course of Paint Creek, Rochester Road was originally called Paint Creek Trail. It became an important route from Detroit, through Rochester into the Michigan Thumb section.

Troy was surveyed by the Government surveyor in March of 1816. This brought the settlers and the need of roads began. Troy was fortunate in that the survey gave us mile square roads and the settlers soon turned paths into passable roads. In 1848, the Michigan State Legislature passed a law designed to effect growth and development of the area. This included surfacing the roads with planks twelve to sixteen feet long and three inches thick. The Plank Road Act granted charters for sixty years to private-capital or business men, and these tolls, or rates of fare for the privilege of using the roads, were started. In most cases only enough improvements were made to justify specific claims and allow the toll collection.

For a good part of the last century most of the highways were toll roads. People entering the area were obliged to pay a fee. The City of Troy had its share in the history of toll gates. One such toll-gate was on Rochester Road, just across from the Sylvan Glen Club-house. The road made a large Z-curve close to the front of the St. John-Dusenbury house and was the toll-gate for those wishing to get to Rochester, Pontiac, Utica or back to Royal Oak. The other Troy area reported to have a toll structure was Rochester Road near Trombly. Most of the roads in Troy were trails that would disappear in a sea of mud during the months of rain. Roads in Troy and other villages were poorly maintained and the toll-gate helped to meet the costs of road improvements.

The St. John-Dusenbury house. To collect the money, toll-gates (usually adjoining a house) were maintained along the routes. At this gate the owner or his wife stepped out a door on a corner of the house so the rider rode close-by and handed him the money. The charge was only a penny a mile for one horse, two cents per mile for a two horse wagon, and buggies, one cent for twenty cattle and an extra charge for heavy loads. As in the case of the St. John-Dusenbury House, the toll-keeper usually lived at the toll site.



Many of the old plank road routes were incorporated in the township road systems. However, the planks soon rotted and the elm planks warped since no adequate provision had been made for regular maintenance. An amendment to the State law in 1855 allowed gravel to be substituted for plank and the planks were replaced by dirt fills.

At this time the roads became the custody of local citizens called "Pathmasters". It was their duty to see that each and every property owner spend a certain number of hours per month taking care of the road in his section of the township. Troy Township records show official roads as early as 1847 and by 1872 had begun to be a problem of major concern. The toll-roads had passed into history with the advent of new cement highways in 1898.

Along with the many problems of roads, other concern of civilization began to appear. As settlers emigrated to the area, it became a concern as ownership of the land. Many began to erect fences to show boundaries. Thus began the need for a little known official with the designation of "Fence Viewers of the Township of Troy". Disputes were quickly settled in 1870 and by 1902 had dissolved.

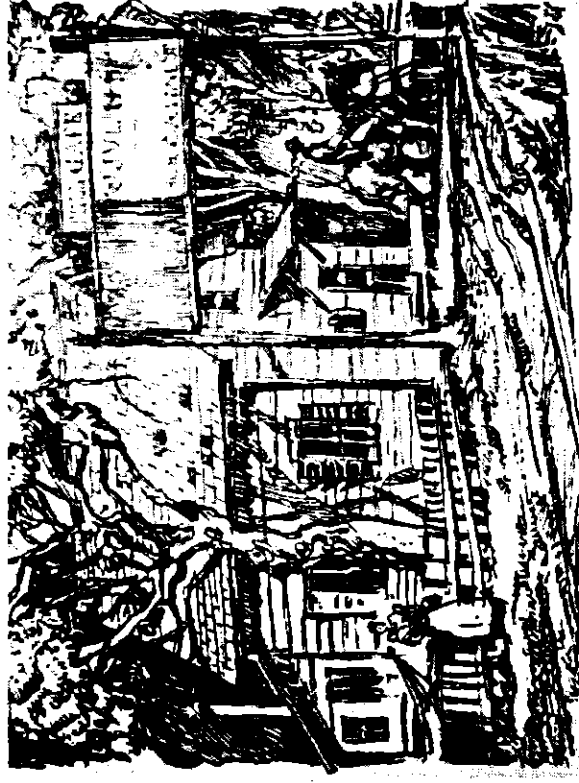
Troy has moved forward with the never ending problem of roads, and services with the motto "City of Tomorrow Today" but still holding Yesterday as a reminder of how far we have come.

Preservation Week is May 11-17. Michigan Week is May 18-24. Heritage Day is celebrated May 18 at the Troy Historical Museum. Attend a day dedicated to the past.

Heritage Post

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Tidbits



INDIAN TRAILS...
TOLL GATES...
ROADS...

Researched and published by:
Troy Historic District Commission
Troy, Michigan

For further information, call:
(313) 524-3368

I understand that the Gregory - Belz House
located in Troy, Michigan, County of Oakland, and owned by Wil & Catherine
Bedford, is being submitted to the Michigan History Division
of the Michigan Department of State for inclusion in the statewide historic
resource inventory and, potentially, for nomination to the State Register of
Historic Sites. I am aware that no legal restrictions or allowances are
conferred to the property should the proposed site be found eligible for
State Registration by the Michigan Historical Commission. Therefore, I
WILFRED BEDFORD JR give my consent to the above mentioned
review and potential nomination to the State Register of Historic Sites.

Signed Wilfred G. Bedford Jr. Dated 2/1/78

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

For Office Use

Theme _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Building name Gregory - Belz House
2. County Oakland Town/City Troy Village _____
3. Street Location 4820 Livernois
4. Ownership: a. Public ☐ b. Private ☒
5. Present Owner Wil & Catherine Bedford Address 4820 Livernois
6. Use: Original residence Present residence
7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. Building Material a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ h. other _____
9. Structural Material a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☒ b. wood frame with light members (balloon frame) ☐
c. masonry load-bearing walls ☐ d. iron frame ☐ e. steel frame with curtain walls ☐
f. reinforced concrete ☐ g. other _____
10. Condition a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. Integrity a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? CIRCA
Notes on alterations and additions, with dates and architect.
NO additions from early settler.
12. Related Outbuildings and Property
a. barn ☒ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐ d. privy ☐ e. shed ☒
f. shop ☐ g. greenhouse ☐ h. landscape features ☐ i. other pig & chicken house turned into
usable structures.
13. Surroundings of the Building
a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐ c. scattered outbuildings ☐ d. densely built-up ☐
e. commercial ☐ f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒ h. other _____
14. Photo
15. Map

not available

SE corner Livernois
& Long Lake

16. Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings

Residential surrounded with residential.

17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site

acre of land with old barn still standing. One of few remaining

18. Threats to Building

- a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☒ d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other _____

SIGNIFICANCE (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

19. Architectural Significance

Date of Construction circa Architect Ja. Gregory early settler

Builders, suppliers, etc. _____

Notes on original plan and specifications:

not available.

20. Historical Significance:

J. Gregory land granted entire 160 acres of NW 1/4 Sec 15 Nov 22, 1823. They lived in the structure until 1875. selling to N. Barwise, who sold to G. Jennings in 1881, who sold to Henry Ackerman in 1886. J. Belz acquired the property 1900 and raised a large family.

The area remains as most of the structure remain and many apple trees that were planted to be three orchards. Apples were taken across the corner to the old cider mill which is Troys one and only mill of any kind. The cider press is still intact, and the old apple trees still overbear. People from everywhere came to buy Cider and vegetables.

21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date):

Early tax valuation of 1844 was high indicating a structure on site.
Vital Records -

Prepared by Dorothy Scott

Date August 1, 1986

Address 129 Belhaven

Telephone _____

Organization Troy Historic District Commission

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I understand that the HOUSE (Millard - Kelly House)
located in Troy, Michigan, County of Oakland, and owned by Mr & Mrs
Martin Clinton, is being submitted to the Michigan History Division
of the Michigan Department of State for inclusion in the statewide historic
resource inventory and, potentially, for nomination to the State Register of
Historic Sites. I am aware that no legal restrictions or allowances are
conferred to the property should the proposed site be found eligible for
State Registration by the Michigan Historical Commission. Therefore, I
Martin Clinton give my consent to the above mentioned
review and potential nomination to the State Register of Historic Sites.

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Signed

Martin Clinton

Dated

5-17-85

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BUILDING - STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

NOTIFICATION

1. Building Name: Common Wagner
Historic Millerd-Kelly House
2. Village/Town/City Troy Township _____ County Oakland
3. Street Location 2961 Orchard Trail
4. Ownership: Private Property Owner ☒ Non-Profit Tax-Exempt Organization ☐ Governmental Unit ☐
*If governmentally owned: (check one) Municipal ☐ Township ☐ County ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐
5. Present Owner Name(s) Martin Clinton
Present Owner Address(s) 2961 Orchard Trail Troy Michigan 48098
(STREET ADDRESS) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)
6. Use: Original residence Present residence
7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road? YES ☒ NO ☐
Interior accessible? YES ☐ NO ☒ Explain PRIVATE RESIDENCE

DESCRIPTION

8. Building Material a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐ e. cobblestone ☐
f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ h. other _____
9. Structural Material a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☒ b. wood frame with light members (balloon frame) ☒
c. masonry load-bearing walls ☐ d. iron frame ☐ e. steel frame with curtain walls ☐ f. reinforced concrete ☐
g. other _____
10. Condition a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. Integrity a. original site ☐ b. moved ☒ c. if so, when? 1963 for I-75 expressway
Notes on alterations and additions, with dates and architect.

Structure estimated at 1848. Records show N. Millerd on land June 17, 1823.

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Moved when purchased in 1963. House skidded across fields intact for 1 1/4 mile. Windows remained unbroken, and are still in structure

12. Related Outbuildings and Property a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐ d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐
f. shop ☐ g. greenhouse ☐ h. landscape features ☐ i. other none
13. Surroundings of the Building a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐ c. scattered outbuildings ☐
d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☐ f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other _____
14. Photo

NO FUNDS FOR PHOTOS

15. Map	Adams	Beaumont	Crooks	Livermore	Rochester	Salem R.	Dequindre
So. Blvd							
Sy. Lake							
Long Lake							
ORCHARD TRAIL							
WATTLES							
B. g. Beaver							
maple							
it							

16. Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings
Subdivision

17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site

none

18. Threats to Building a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐ d. developers ☐
e. deterioration ☐ f. other _____

SIGNIFICANCE (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

19. Architectural Significance

Date of Construction cc 1848 Architect homeowner

Builders, suppliers, etc. _____

Notes on original plan and specifications: not available

20. Historical Significance:

In that it was built 1848 and has remained one of the better looking homes. Inside chimney still intact for fireplace Road was changed when new subdivision platted around home. Now the back door is the front door and still look appropriate.

21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date):

Oakland County Land Records. - Oakland County Courthouse
1200 Telegraph Rd. Pontiac, Mi.

22. Please indicate here if the historic site is income or revenue producing:

YES ☐ NO ☐

Prepared by Dorothy Scott Date June 17, 1985

Address 129 Belhaven, Troy, Mich Telephone _____

Organization Troy Historic District

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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

For Office Use

Theme _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Building name Toms - Crombie - Donaldson House
2. County Oakland Town/City Troy Village _____
3. Street Location 244 Olympia
4. Ownership: a. Public ☐ b. Private ☒
5. Present Owner Rose Copenhagen Address 244 Olympia
6. Use: Original residence Present residence
7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain no private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. Building Material: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ h. other siding
9. Structural Material: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☒ b. wood frame with light members (balloon frame) ☐
c. masonry load-bearing walls ☐ d. iron frame ☐ e. steel frame with curtain walls ☐
f. reinforced concrete ☐ g. other _____
10. Condition: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. Integrity: a. original site ☐ b. moved ☒ if so, when? 9-29-1954
Notes on alterations and additions, with dates and architect,
additions of various small porches on either side at the
back. entire house was moved due to commercial expansion.
moved by owner Earl Larimer who apparently was the person to
add porches and siding
12. Related Outbuildings and Property: a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☒ d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐
f. shop ☐ g. greenhouse ☐ h. landscape features ☐ i. other _____
13. Surroundings of the Building: a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐ c. scattered outbuildings ☐ d. densely built-up ☐
e. commercial ☐ f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☐ h. other office buildings
14. Photo _____
15. Map _____

none available

map attached

16. Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings

Entire street is residential with surrounding office development

17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site

Nice quiet street. no other features

The house fits in well with the surrounding structures and has enough yardage to make it stand out.

18. Threats to Building

- a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐ d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other _____

SIGNIFICANCE (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

19. Architectural Significance

Date of Construction circa 1850 Architect Original owner of 1850

Builders, suppliers, etc. _____

Notes on original plan and specifications:

20. Historical Significance:

Land was originally purchased by Calvin Perrin, a well known early settler in 1823. Later sold to Toms family. Toms family were an early family and purchased various pieces of land in the area. One of the sons Ira paid taxes showing 345.00 in 1848. He sold to Levi Preston 12-18-1855 and taxes were then paid showing valuation of 1500.00 This jump would indicate a structure. The house was sold to Mr. Larimer and moved 1954 to its present location. The house has remaine a residence.

21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date):

Primary - Land records, Oakland County, Telegraph Rd. Pontiac

Secondary - Assessment & Building Departments, Troy City Hall, Troy, Mic

Item - Neighbor saw the structure bogged down in Eichler Orchard

Prepared by Dorothy Scott

Date Aug 14, 1986

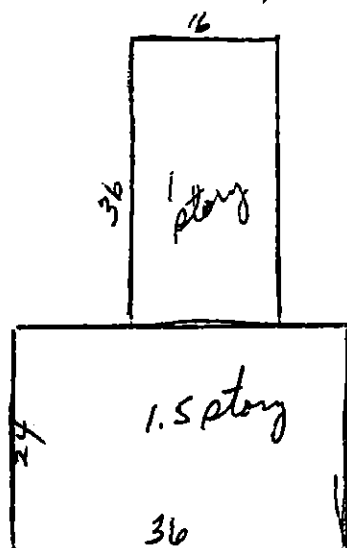
Address 129 Belhaven

Telephone 689-0516

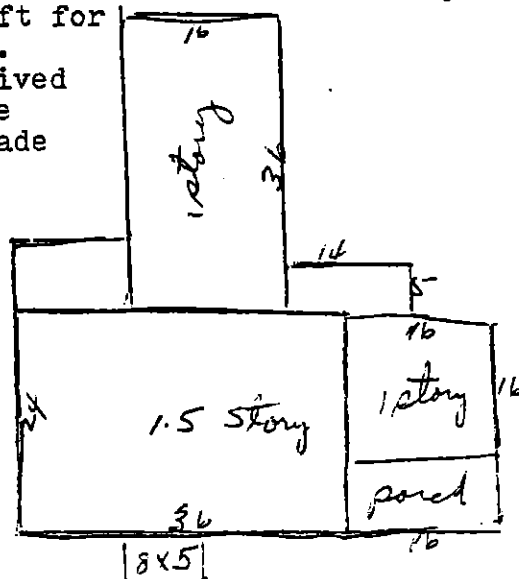
Organization Troy Historic District

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View original



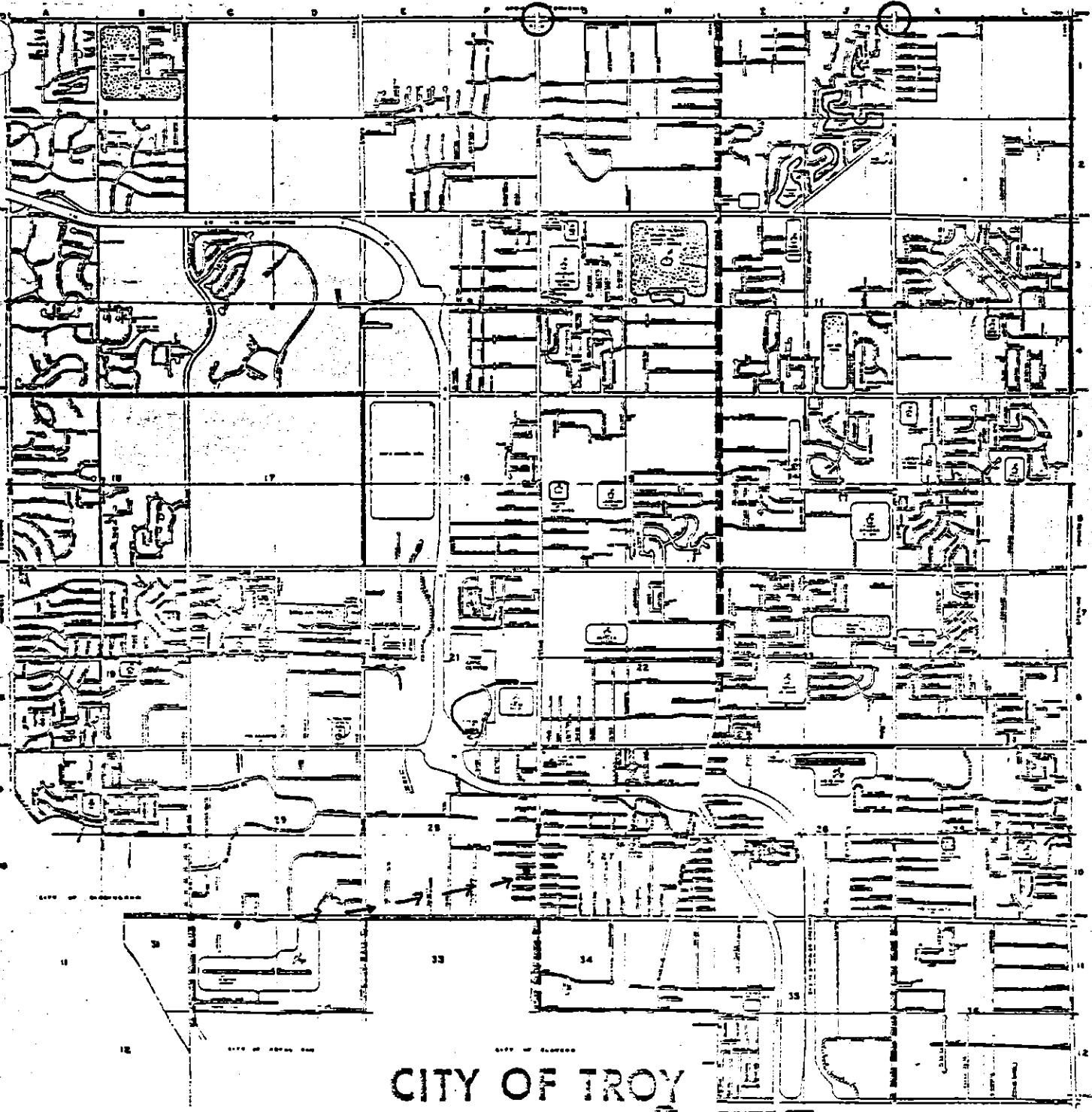
Original structure was moved in two sections across fields Section 32, 1 1/2 miles to section 28. The one story section bogged down and had to be left for awhile until ground improved. In the meantime the family lived in the chicken coop until the house was put together and made livable.



View AS moved - 1954

These diagrams were found in the township records. The three little porches have since been removed and the structure gives the Early American Farm house, but on better and newer foundation, of blocks. Foundation plantings could cover the blocks and no one would know that the house had not always been there.

South.



CITY OF TROY

OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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I understand that the Residence at 839 W. Wattles (Dennison House)
located in Troy, Michigan, County of Oakland, and owned by Mr. and Mrs
Kenneth Frantz, is being submitted to the Michigan History Division
of the Michigan Department of State for inclusion in the statewide historic
resource inventory and, potentially, for nomination to the State Register of
Historic Sites. I am aware that no legal restrictions or allowances are
conferred to the property should the proposed site be found eligible for
State Registration by the Michigan Historical Commission. Therefore, I
_____ give my consent to the above mentioned
review and potential nomination to the State Register of Historic Sites.

Signed Kenneth G. Frantz, J.D. Dated 8/18/86
Anne C. Frantz, M.D.

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BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

For Office Use

Theme _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Building name Dennison House
2. County Oakland Town/City Troy Village _____
3. Street Location 839 W. Wattles
4. Ownership: a. Public ☐ b. Private ☒
5. Present Owner M/M Kenneth Frantz Address 839 W. Wattles
6. Use: Original residence Present residence
7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. Building Material a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ h. other asbestos siding
9. Structural Material a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☒ b. wood frame with light members (balloon frame) ☐
c. masonry load-bearing walls ☐ d. iron frame ☐ e. steel frame with curtain walls ☐
f. reinforced concrete ☐ g. other _____
10. Condition a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. Integrity a. original site ☐ b. moved ☒ if so, when? _____

Notes on alterations and additions, with dates and architect.
none

12. Related Outbuildings and Property

- a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☒ d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐
f. shop ☐ g. greenhouse ☐ h. landscape features ☐ i. other _____

13. Surroundings of the Building

- a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐ c. scattered outbuildings ☐ d. densely built-up ☐
e. commercial ☐ f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒ h. other _____

14. Photo

not available

15. Map

attached
information

16. Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings
Building is residential along with other residences.

17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site
none.

18. Threats to Building
a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐ d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other _____

SIGNIFICANCE (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

19. Architectural Significance

Date of Construction _____ Architect early settler
Builders, suppliers, etc. dna
Notes on original plan and specifications: not available

20. Historical Significance:

Structure probably built by the Dennison Family. The family first appeared in Troy 6-23-1833. Rev. A Denison came with 10 boys and 1 girl, as a Baptist minister. Oldest son Daniel was the one to probably build the structure. The Denison family remained in the house until circa 1890 when it was sold to Geo. Ford who in turn sold it to S.M. Pernal. It had been vacant for a few years during Township Days. Believed to have been moved 1906 from its place in Sec 16 across the road to sec 21.

21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date):

Primary - History Oakland County by Durant
Oakland County Land records, Oakland County, Pontiac, Mich
Secondary - VR of Troy, Cemeterys
Assessor & Building Records of Troy, Mich

Prepared by Dorothy Scott Date Aug 14, 1986
Address 129 Belhaven Telephone _____
Organization Historic District Commission

BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

Michigan History Division
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

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Theme _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Building name Peter Crombie House
2. County Oakland Town/City Troy Village _____
3. Street Location 262 E. Maple
4. Ownership: a. Public ☐ b. Private ☒
5. Present Owner Charles Wilcop Address 242 E. Maple
6. Use: Original residence Present residence with business
7. Accessibility to Public: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. Building Material
 - a. clapboard ☐
 - b. stone ☒
 - c. brick ☐
 - d. board and batten ☐
 - e. cobblestone ☐
 - f. shingles ☐
 - g. stucco ☐
 - h. other _____
9. Structural Material
 - a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
 - b. wood frame with light members (balloon frame) ☒
 - c. masonry load-bearing walls ☐
 - d. iron frame ☐
 - e. steel frame with curtain walls ☐
 - f. reinforced concrete ☐
 - g. other _____
10. Condition
 - a. excellent ☒
 - b. good ☐
 - c. fair ☐
 - d. deteriorated ☐
11. Integrity
 - a. original site ☐
 - b. moved ☒ if so, when? k931/32

Notes on alterations and additions, with dates and architect.
Purchased by Mr. Packard who had various people move and restore all the necessary items.
12. Related Outbuildings and Property
 - a. barn ☐
 - b. carriage house ☐
 - c. garage ☐
 - d. privy ☐
 - e. shed ☐
 - f. shop ☐
 - g. greenhouse ☐
 - h. landscape features ☒
 - i. other business
13. Surroundings of the Building
 - a. open land ☐
 - b. woodland ☐
 - c. scattered outbuildings ☐
 - d. densely built-up ☐
 - e. commercial ☐
 - f. industrial ☐
 - g. residential ☐
 - h. other businesses
14. Photo not available
15. Map attached

16. Interrelationship of Building and Surroundings

Building is a large two story structure that is stone covered and well landscaped. It is in keeping with the other structures that have been built up around.

17. Other Notable Features of Building and Site

large porch-deck area in back. Structure has had two wings added when structure moved. This gives it a large imposing atmosphere.

18. Threats to Building

a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐ d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other _____

SIGNIFICANCE (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

19. Architectural Significance

Date of Construction circa 1835 Architect Early settler

Builders, suppliers, etc. _____

Notes on original plan and specifications:

20. Historical Significance:

21. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date):

Primary - Land records, Oakland County, Telegraph Rd., Pontiac

Secondary - Assessment & Building Departments, Troy City Hall, Troy, Mich
Item - Jane Thompson who saw the house standing on original site.
and knew her uncle a Mr. Packard has purchased it and was going to move it.

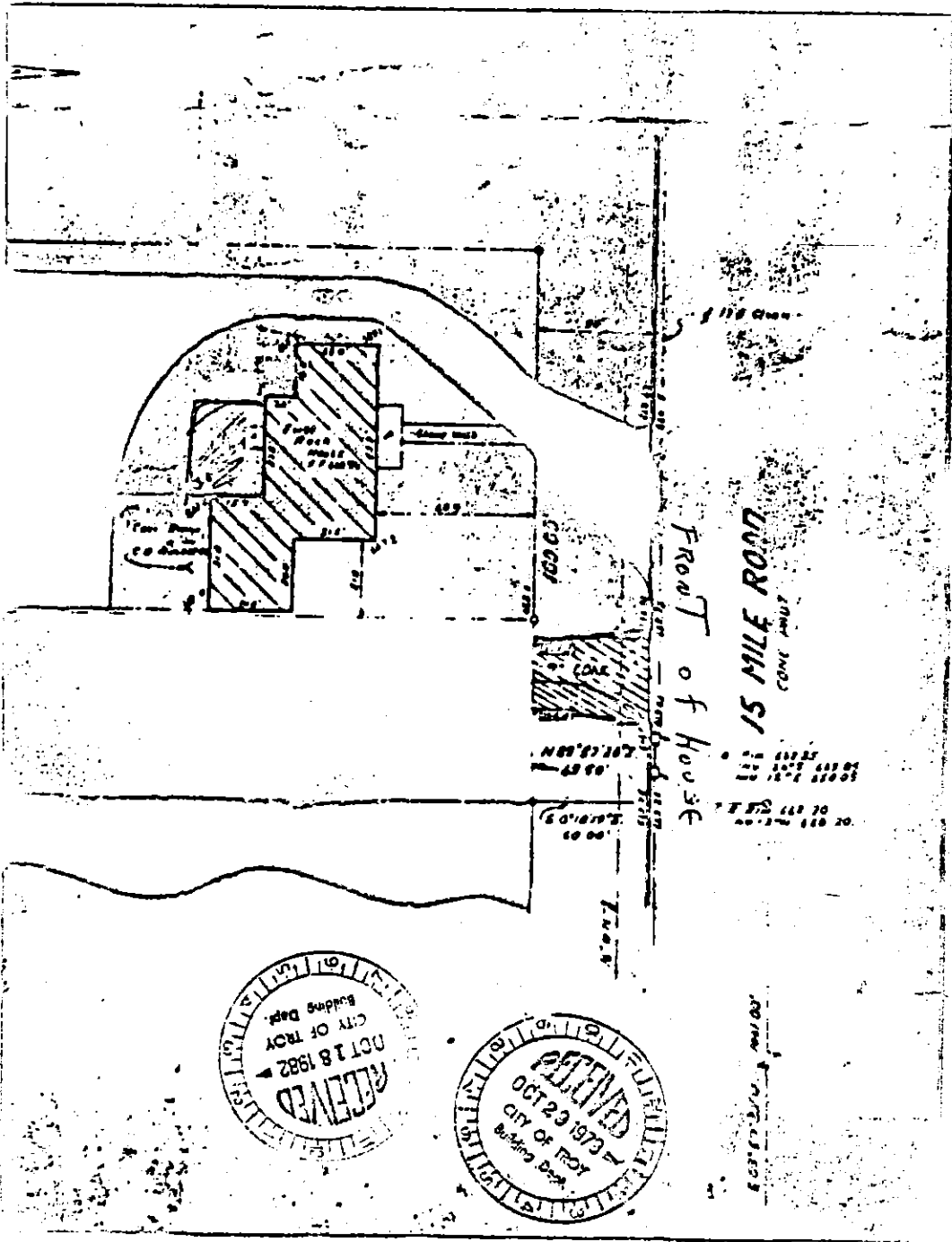
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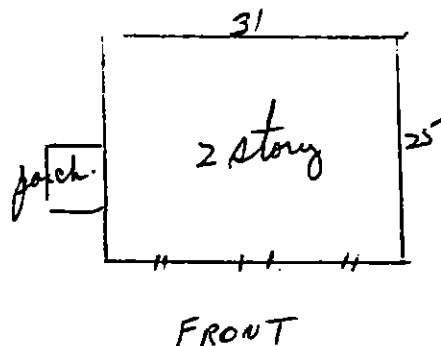
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Organization Troy Historic District



South



Structure shown taxes of 1964. Early data not available. Needs further research to document Sec. 16.

Morris Wattles states it is Dennison House of Section 16. Wood shed that was on the north end was taken to 3823 and made into a small house by splitting the structure and adding to the roof. Modernization of that structure was 1967 thru 1979.

The barn timbers of the Dennison barn are the ones that are in the interior of the Pioneer Room of the Museum.

Troy Records show no further information.

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I understand that the Peter Crombie House
located in Troy, Michigan, County of Oakland, and owned by M/M Charles
Wilkop, is being submitted to the Michigan History Division
of the Michigan Department of State for inclusion in the statewide historic
resource inventory and, potentially, for nomination to the State Register of
Historic Sites. I am aware that no legal restrictions or allowances are
conferred to the property should the proposed site be found eligible for
State Registration by the Michigan Historical Commission. Therefore, I
Muriel Wilkop give my consent to the above mentioned
review and potential nomination to the State Register of Historic Sites.

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Signed Muriel R. Wilkop Dated 8-7-86

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