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24. 14215 Bird Road - "Bird/Boyd Farm Residence"  
Byron, MI 48418
- Acreage: Less than 1 acre  
Quadrangle Name: Byron Quadrangle  
UTM Reference: 17/264940/4744560  
Verbal Boundary Description: Property Tax #A-245-7
25. 15237 McCaslin Lake Road - "William Henry & Lucinda McCaslin Farm Residence"  
Linden, MI 48451
- Acreage: Less than 1 acre  
Quadrangle Name: Linden Quadrangle  
UTM Reference: 17/266550/4743110  
Verbal Boundary Description: Property Tax #A-353
26. 7066 Lobdell Road - "Residence"  
Linden, MI 48451
- Acreage: Less than 1 acre  
Quadrangle Name: Linden Quadrangle  
UTM Reference: 17/270360/4741250  
Verbal Boundary Description: Property Tax #A-501-1
27. 4277 Irish Road - "Barn"  
Davison, MI 48423
- Acreage: Less than 1 acre  
Quadrangle Name: Goodrich Quadrangle  
UTM Reference: 17/291730/4760230  
Verbal Boundary Description: Property Tax #U-572
28. 1110 Linden Road - "Robert Aitken Farm Residence"  
Flint, MI 48504
- Acreage: Less than 1 acre  
Quadrangle Name: Flushing Quadrangle  
UTM Reference: 17/274070/4766510  
Verbal Boundary Description: Property Tax #H-63-2
29. 5035 Flushing Road - "Daniel O'Sullivan Residence/Halfway House"  
Flushing, MI 48433
- Acreage: Less than 1 acre  
Quadrangle Name: Flushing Quadrangle  
UTM Reference: 17/273970/4768690  
Verbal Boundary Description: Property Tax #H-16

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*House at*  
RESIDENCE - 7066 Lobdell Road (GCMRA)  
Linden (c. 1840-1850)  
(PHOTO #72)

National Register  
Selection Criteria  
C.

Research has established only that N. Collins and George Burnett were nineteenth century owners of the land upon which the residence at 7066 Lobdell was built; who built the home and what historical associations the Greek Revival residence might have remain unknown. The building is most significant for its architecture, however. While it is similar to other sites in Argentine Township in that it is representative of early midwestern Greek Revival architecture, its unique design qualities and fine craftsmanship make it outstanding.

The frame structure conforms to an L-shaped plan. The facade is highlighted by a fully pedimented gable, a wide frieze, and nicely detailed corner pilasters. While other vernacular Greek Revival examples exhibit entrances in the two-story upright portion of the structure, this residence contains two doors within the recessed porch constructed in the ell or wing of the structure. The structure retains its architectural integrity and testifies to the early settlement of this portion of Genesee County.

DAVISON TOWNSHIP INDIVIDUAL SITES: 1 total: 1 agricultural - barn

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*at*  
BARN 4277 Irish Road (GCMRA)  
Davison (c. 1920-1932)  
(PHOTO #73)

National Register  
Selection Criteria  
C.

Though he is uncertain as to the date he completed this structure, Erwin Gabel, retired farmer, built this unusual round barn in the early decades of the twentieth century. He used cement block, lumber from his property, and help from local 4-H members in its construction. The structure exhibits numerous doors and windows around its circumference. It is capped by an elaborately trussed roof with two pitches and a projecting gable dormer. The agricultural structure achieves significance as an unusual example of barn construction; only a dozen octagonal and round barns have been documented in Michigan to date. The residence and four additional outbuildings associated with the barn date from the 1920s and 1930s and are not of architectural or historical significance.

FLINT TOWNSHIP INDIVIDUAL SITES: 2 total: 2 residential

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*House (GCMRA)*  
ROBERT AITKEN FARM RESIDENCE - 1110 Linden Road  
(c. 1843) Flint  
(PHOTO #74)

National Register  
Selection Criteria  
B.  
C.

In 1842, Robert Aitken came to Flint Township, located west of the settlement of Flint, from Montgomery County, New York. Aitken married Sarah J.

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Johnstone, also a native of New York, in 1843 and the couple initially resided in a board shanty on their 240 acres of Flint Township property. Although the exact date is not known, it was sometime after 1843 that Aitken built the spectacular residence at 1110 Linden Road. Aitken became a successful farmer and esteemed public servant. He served as Flint Township Supervisor for twenty-one years and represented his district in the Michigan Legislature for four years. The Aitkens had five daughters and five sons. One son, David D., later operated the farm and raised prize cattle; he was also an attorney and served as Flint's Mayor in 1905.

The Aitken Farm Residence is an exceptional example of nineteenth century Italianate architecture. The frame structure exhibits irregular massing; the main portion is square with other rectangular components added to its side and back. It is quite possible that these gable roofed additions pre-date the main portion of the structure; their eyebrow windows and the roof type may indicate earlier Greek Revival-inspired styling. The two-story main portion, however, with its paired eavesline brackets, hip roof, and hip roofed cupola, definitely reflects a later Italianate influence. The cupola is particularly striking with delicate scroll brackets at its four corners, rounded arch windows, and paired brackets under its eaves. All segments of the home have similar open porches with decorative support columns.

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DANIEL O'SULLIVAN, <sup>House</sup> RESIDENCE/HALFWAY HOUSE (GCMRA)  
5035 Flushing Road, (c.1853)  
Flushing  
(PHOTO #75)

National Register  
Selection Criteria  
B.  
C.

By settling one of the first forty-acre plots in Flint Township, helping to establish the City of Flint, serving as one of the first teachers in the area, and working to found St. Michael's Catholic Church in Flint, Daniel O'Sullivan figured prominently in Flint and Flint Township history. Soon after settling his Flint Township plot in 1853, O'Sullivan built the house that stands on Flushing Road today and opened it as a stagecoach stop and inn. The inn was called Halfway House by O'Sullivan and later owners because it stood midway along the stage route between Flint and Flushing.

John and Elizabeth Ponsford came to Flint Township from England in 1854 and purchased the inn from O'Sullivan in 1858. The Ponsfords continued operating the building as an inn and O'Sullivan returned to the City of Flint and engaged in a mercantile business. The inn continued to be passed on to Ponsfords' relatives. Today, a great grandson of the Ponsfords, Robert Bettsworth, has restored the structure to look very much as it did over a hundred years ago and maintains it as a private residence.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Genesee County Multiple Resource Area  
State Michigan

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Murray, James R., Mill **Substantive Review**  
**DOE/OWNER OBJECTION**

Keeper Elizabeth Beth Grosvenor 6/30/83

Attest

— 22. Murray, James H., House **Substantive Review**

Keeper Beth Grosvenor 11/26/82

Attest

23. Middlesworth, Isaac R.,  
Farm House **Entered in the  
National Register**

<sup>for</sup> Keeper Delores Byers 11/26/82

Attest

24. Bird/Boyd Farm House **Entered in the  
National Register**

<sup>for</sup> Keeper Delores Byers 11/26/82

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25. McCaslin, William Henry  
and Lucinda, Farm House **Entered in the  
National Register**

<sup>for</sup> Keeper Delores Byers 11/26/82

Attest

26. House at 7066 Lobdell Road **Entered in the  
National Register**

<sup>for</sup> Keeper Delores Byers 11/26/82

Attest

— 27. Barn at 4277 Irish Road **Substantive Review**

Keeper Beth Grosvenor - 11/26/82

Attest

28. Aitken, Robert Farm House **Entered in the  
National Register**

<sup>for</sup> Keeper Delores Byers 11/26/82

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29. O'Sullivan, Daniel, House/  
Halfway House **Entered in the  
National Register**

<sup>for</sup> Keeper Delores Byers 11/26/82

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30. McClew, Alexander, Farm House **Entered in the  
National Register**

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Attest

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Aitken, Robert Farm House (Genesee County MRA)  
Genesee County  
MICHIGAN

Working No. 18/12/82-2850  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83  
Date Due: 11/11/82 — 11/26/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 11/26/82  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
Entered in the National Register  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

|          |                    |            |             |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Category | Ownership          | Status     | Present Use |
|          | Public Acquisition | Accessible |             |

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

|                                    |                                       |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Condition                          |                                       | Check one                          | Check one                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input type="checkbox"/> altered   | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |                                    |   |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USIT Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

HOUSE AT 1110 LINDEY

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1. Robert Aitken Farm Residence
2. 1110 Linden  
Flint  
Genesee  
Michigan
3. Matthew Lampe
4. May 1982
5. Michigan History Division
6. view from W
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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000325