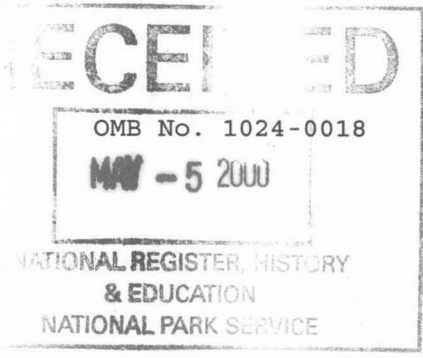


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NPS Form 10-900
(Rev. 10-90)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bradford, Benjamin and Mary Ann, House

other names/site number Bradford-Palmer House

2. Location

street & number 48145 Warren Road not for publication N/A
city or town Canton Township vicinity N/A
state Michigan code MI county Wayne code 163
zip code 48187

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Brian D. Comwa 4/27/00
Signature of certifying official Date

MI SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria.
____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is

Edward A. Beall 6/9/00

entered in the National Register

____ See continuation sheet.

____ determined eligible for the
National Register

____ See continuation sheet.

____ determined not eligible for the
National Register

____ removed from the National Register

____ other (explain): _____

for

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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5. Classification
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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- ____ public-local
- ____ public-State
- ____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- ____ district
- ____ site
- ____ structure
- ____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

 1

 1

 2

Noncontributing

 1 buildings
____ sites
____ structures
____ objects
 1 Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
 Historic and Architectural Resources of Canton Township

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u> Domestic </u>	Sub: <u> Single dwelling </u>
<u> Agriculture/Subsistence </u>	<u> Agricultural outbuilding </u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u> Domestic </u>	Sub: <u> Single dwelling </u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

 Greek Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Asphalt
walls Aluminum
other N/A

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**Bradford House
Historic and Architectural Resources of Canton Township
Wayne County, MI**

Description:

This house is a two-story, side gabled, Greek Revival style house. It has a symmetrical three-bay front facade. There is a wide cornice line with returns on the side gables. A brick chimney is located on the west facade. The windows are one-light-over-one. The front entry is composed of pilasters, abbreviated sidelights with wood panels below, and a simple entablature. A later concrete stoop and steps lead up to the door. Aluminum siding covers the clapboard walls. The foundation is composed of fieldstone. The roof is covered with French method shingles (diamond pattern). A one-story shed roof addition is located across the rear of the house and has a concrete block foundation. There is a glassed-in porch on the addition. There is also a small, one-story addition to the west facade with a concrete block foundation.

Site Description:

The property is currently 0.86 acres. The house faces north to Warren Road. It is located in the midst of subdivision development. A grass and gravel driveway leads from the road and curves back to the long garage. Four large spirea bushes dot the west side of the driveway, and a maple tree sits where the driveway curve begins. There is a huge old oak tree in the front yard. This is probably the oldest tree on the property and could be 100 - 150 years old. The yard is dotted in the front and back with evergreens, maple, birch, pine, and locust trees. None are of the size and girth of the huge oak. There are foundation plantings of evergreens and spirea around the house, with a bed of lily-of-the-valley in the west front corner of the house. The east property line is irregularly defined with a line of small trees and shrubs.

There is a c. 1915 milkhouse behind the house. It is constructed of rusticated cement block with a cement foundation and a hipped wood shingle roof. There is a doorway on the south facade and small windows on the east and west facades. It is in poor condition with the roof, windows, and door almost gone. The milkhouse is surrounded by several trees and shrubs.

An elongated three-bay garage is located near the west property line. It is constructed of cement blocks painted white on a cement foundation with an asphalt shingle roof. It has one modern garage door and two wood sliding doors. It was originally a tool house where farm machinery, trucks, and cars were repaired. It was built c. 1945.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____

Exploration/Settlement _____

Period of Significance 1860-1882 _____

Significant Dates 1860
1882

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS) None
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property .86

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	292790	4689850	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	See continuation sheet.					

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Bradford House
Historic and Architectural Resources of Canton Township
Wayne County, MI

Significance:

This property is significant because of its association with the early settlement of Canton Township. Canton pioneers Aruna and Mary Bradford, whose son Benjamin built this house, purchased the property in 1826. The Bradfords came from Monroe County, New York; their settlement reflected a typical pattern of settlement by people from New York to southeastern Michigan. This house is also significant because of its architecture. It is a fine example of a Greek Revival, side-gable farmhouse typical of the period 1840-1860. It has a beautiful Greek Revival doorway with entablature and sidelights. This was a very fine house and reflected growing affluence and a sense of pride as the early settlers moved from their humble beginnings to a more cultured way of life.

Moses Bradford was the first family member to patent land in Canton Township. He bought 160 acres in section 5 in 1825. His father, Aruna (Arunah), obtained the original patent to this property (80 acres, the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4, section 8) in 1826. The Bradford family was from Monroe County, New York. (Aruna also patented 80 acres in section 6 in 1827 and 40 acres in section 9 in 1831.)

In 1835, Aruna and his wife, Mary, sold the 80-acre parcel in section 8 to their other son, Benjamin, for \$500. It is believed that this parcel must have had a house on it at the time (probably the small one story section that was later moved across Warren Road). Another 80 acre property, the Boldman's at 3339 Canton Center, sold in 1833 for \$150.

Bela Hubbard accompanied Douglass Houghton on a geological survey of Michigan 1838-41. In September of 1838 he was traveling through Canton Township and mentions a Mr. Bradford in his Field Notes. Mr. Hubbard was very impressed with the ridge of land that runs diagonally across the western side of Canton Township, and the properties of both Moses and Benjamin were located on the ridge. Hubbard states in his field notes "Water is obtained on the ridge from wells, at a depth of 12 to 20 ft. (says Mr. Bradford) & is esteemed the best in the county. A well at Mr. Bradford's is 12 ft. ... through light gravel, water tolerably good & supply sufficient." He goes on to say that "Mr. B. says that in digging the well and cellar of the house, layers were struck of clean loose small gravel that fell in 'like shelled corn.'"

According to the 1850 census, Aruna was 69 years old, Moses was 47, and Benjamin was 37. Aruna and Mary were living with Benjamin and his family. In addition to this property, the 1850 tax rolls showed that Benjamin paid taxes on the 40 acres in section 9, and 77 acres in section 17 that Aruna had owned for a total acreage of 195, and total tax \$14.40. By 1855 Benjamin also owned another 77 acres in section 5 next to Moses' land; total tax \$30.49. The tax assessment remained almost the same through 1860, and then in 1861 tax for the same 4 parcels was \$115.78 (the parcels in sections 8 and 5 have the highest valuation of \$1000 each). This increase indicates a major improvement to the property, probably the present house was added. (In 1908 the original one-story section of the house was detached and moved directly across from the present house on Warren Road. It was later demolished.)

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A comparison of the 1860 with the 1880 agriculture schedules of the census shows that Benjamin's total acreage remained about the same. The cash value of the land and that of the machinery and implements remained almost constant. The value of the livestock decreased markedly from \$1709 in 1860 to \$725 in 1880. Benjamin had 150 sheep producing 450 pounds of wool in 1860, and 22 sheep in 1880 with no wool production. He had 10 milch (milk producing) cows in 1860, and 2 in 1880. In 1860 he produced 1500 pounds of butter, and 2000 pounds of cheese. In 1880 butter production decreased to 450 pounds, and no cheese was produced. The amount paid in wages remained about the same. Wheat production increased from 60 bushels in 1860 to 200 bushels in 1880, but oat and Indian corn production in 1880 was about half of what it was in 1860.

Benjamin died in 1882. He was going through a gate on an ox cart near the barn. The wind swung the gate around and upset the cart, throwing Benjamin to the ground. The cart turned over, crushing him, and he died a few hours later. His wife inherited 1/3 of his property and the remainder was divided among his five children. His son, Albert, inherited this property, and Albert's twin, Herbert, inherited the land on the north side of Warren. Albert died in 1886 at age 40, followed eight years later by his wife, Janette, leaving their daughter, Sarah (13), an orphan. Her uncle, Herbert, who was also the executor of the estate, raised Sarah.

Linley Allen and Bertha Wiseley bought the 80 acre parcel from the Bradford family in 1911. Linley Allen Wiseley married Bertha Maude Bright in 1895. They became the parents of four sons and two daughters.

When the Wiseleys purchased the farm, it had a large barn and a granary barn. They built a milk house over the well. They raised hay, alfalfa, field corn and sweet corn, and also had mules, cows, chickens, and horses. The large barn burned ca. 1920, and they built another large barn to replace it. The granary (later called the shop) remained from the time of the Bradfords. (The granary was moved to the farm complex owned by Canton Township at 500 N. Ridge Road.)

Linley entered politics in 1915, and served as Canton Township supervisor between 1925 and 1932. Their daughter, Esther, was a teacher at the Hanford School. She married Warren Palmer in 1921, and they bought a farm at Beck and Hanford Roads. Esther and Warren had two sons, Russell and Richard, and they attended Hanford School where Esther had taught earlier.

In 1939 Warren and Esther purchased the farm on Warren Road from the Wiseleys. They modernized the house with indoor plumbing, and constructed an addition across the back of the house. The addition contained a kitchen, dining room, and a bathroom. By 1950 a concrete slab for a porch existed off the addition, and by 1960 the porch had a roof above it. The porch was enclosed after that, and a room was also added to the west facade.

When Warren and Esther's sons were old enough, they also helped on the farm. Russell, who was married in 1941, remembers a mule barn located near the shop (granary) at that time. He also remembers that the tool house (long garage) was built around 1945. Warren Palmer and Sons raised corn and were also dairy farmers. Warren sold corn wholesale to Kroger from 1925 to 1975. Esther's diaries have accounts of picking the corn and delivering it to Kroger, and also of Warren

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loading the truck and taking the corn to the Detroit market. Warren and Esther kept records of the corn sales and prices at the request of MSU.

Richard Palmer married Joan Cavell of Plymouth in 1952, and they built a new home next door to his parents' home on Warren Road. A 1955 picture shows the farm with both of the houses, and a large barn to the south with two silos. The large barn had several subsequent small additions for more cows. There were two corncribs. One crib had an adjacent open area where a wagon or truck could be pulled through and the corn unloaded. The fertilizer storage barn was adjacent. The second corn crib was located west of the large barn; it had a cement floor and two trucks could be driven into it. There was also a refrigerated storage room.

Esther died in 1956 in an automobile accident. A few years later Warren Palmer married Alice Collins McClumpha. Warren died in 1972, and Alice lived in the house until 1997.

After Warren's death, Russell and Richard continued to operate the farm as Palmer Brothers. They owned about 250 acres and rented another 50 acres on the north side of Warren Road. They usually planted about 150 acres of sweet corn and 150 acres of soybeans. They also maintained a large herd of dairy cows for many years. They raised Jersey cows rather than Holstein (as many of the neighboring farmers did), because although Holstein cows give more milk, the Jersey milk is higher in butterfat content, and the farmer was paid according to the butterfat. Around 1966 the Palmer Brothers had to decide to either cease dairy farming and use the land for corn, or greatly expand the dairy herd in order to be profitable. They chose to concentrate on corn and soybeans. By this time, the corn production was large enough that a semi-truck came to the farm, and backed up to the loading dock of the refrigerated building.

Dick and Joan Palmer had three children: Richard, Wendi, and Robert. Joan was the president of the Canton Historical Society. The family has diaries written by Bertha Wiseley and Esther Palmer recording the typical day to day life on a farm in the 1930's and '40's. Joan stated that Warren had a recollection of seeing the one story section of the house cut off and moved across Warren Road when he was a child (ca. 1908). It was used as a house for many years.

About 1990 the farmland was sold to a developer, but Russ and Dick continued farming until about 1992. Most of the outbuildings were taken down at that time, and Joan has a video of some of the demolition. At the time of the 1996 Intensive Survey the property contained the 1950's ranch house that Dick and Joan Palmer built and the 1860 Bradford House, in addition to the granary, milk house, tool building, and garage. In late 1996 the property was divided and this parcel contains only the 1860 house, the long garage, and the milk house - 0.86 acres. Shawn Burton purchased the property in December 1996. In 1997 the granary was moved to the site of a living history farm owned by Canton Township at 500 N. Ridge Road in Cherry Hill.

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- 1894 Wayne County (Mason L. Brown C.E., copied from original source by Silas Farmer, Detroit).
- 1904 Canton plat map
- 1914 Canton plat map
- 1922 Canton Township plat map
- 1930 Township of Canton, Wayne County, MI (Wall Map, Canton Historical Society)
- 1942 Canton Township (W.S. Mc, Alpine Map Co.)

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Boundary Description:

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PART OF THE NE1/4 SEC 8 T2S R8E
DESC AS BEG N 89DEG 36M 39S E
489.40FT AND S 00DEG 23M 21SEC W
60.01FT AND N 89DEG 36M 39S E
141.28FT FROM N ¼ COR OF SEC 8
TH N 89DEG 36M 39S E 158.72FT
TH S 00DEG 23M 21S W 229.99FT
TH S 89DEG 36M 39S W 170.33FT
TH N 00DEG 23M 21S E 64.87FT
TH N 11DEG 32M 46S E 59.97FT
TH N 00DEG 23M 21S E 106.44FT
POB
0.86ACRES

Boundary Justification:

The boundary of this site encompasses the entire property associated with this house.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Kathleen Glynn

organization Kosky and Glynn Associates date July 30, 1999

street & number 7200 Hack Road telephone 517/423-5058

city or town Saline state MI zip code 48176
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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Shawn L. Burton

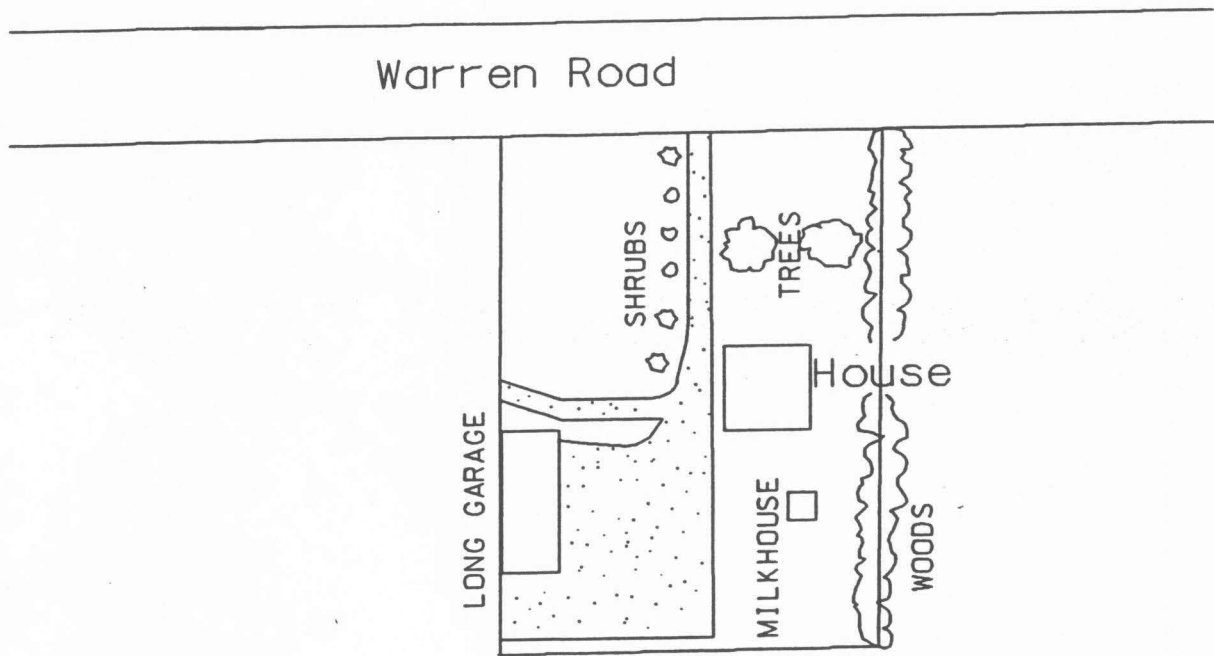
street & number 48145 Warren Road telephone _____

city or town Canton state MI zip code 48187
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HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES OF CANTON TWP. WAYNE CO. MI.



KOSKY and GLYNN ASSOCIATES

Site No. 329

JULY 30, 1999

BENJAMIN BRADFORD HOUSE

48145 Warren Road
Canton, Michigan 48187

0.86 Acres Section 8

Scale 1:1200



Site Plan by J. SABORIO

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bradford, Benjamin and Mary Ann, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Canton Township MPS

STATE & COUNTY: MICHIGAN, Wayne

DATE RECEIVED: 5/05/00 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/19/00
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 00000648

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 6/9/00 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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CANTON TOWNSHIP
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MICHIGAN
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500269