

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Orson Everitt House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 39040 West Seven Mile Road _____ not for publication

city, town Livonia _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 2

state Michigan code 026 county Wayne code 163

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Gary M. Bloom and David Y. Klein

street & number 39040 West Seven Mile Road

city, town Livonia _____ vicinity of _____ state Michigan

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wayne County Records, City-County Bldg.

street & number 2 Woodward Avenue

city, town Detroit _____ state Michigan 48226

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Michigan State Inventory of Historic Sites
has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Michigan History Division, Department of State

city, town Lansing _____ state Michigan 48918

7. Description

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" 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

The Orson Everitt House is located in a rural section of Wayne County about twenty miles northwest of downtown Detroit. It occupies a well landscaped site with mature trees and shrubs and grassy lawns. Across the driveway on the east side of the house is an older clapboarded farmhouse that was the original Everitt family homestead. Behind the house, to the north, is a large pond with wooded banks. Surrounding the property, the former farmland is grown over with shrubs and trees. Pressure for development in this area, as a result of increased traffic on Seven Mile Road since the construction of interstate highway I-275 about 1/8 mile to the east, will probably transform these surroundings in next decade.

The house is a one-and-one-half-story, hip-roofed, narrow-clapboarded, Queen Anne cottage. The basically boxy shape is articulated with shallow, projecting, gabled pavilions on the two sides and a Tuscan-columned porch extending across the front. The expanse of the tall hip roof is broken by various gables and a semi-octagonal conically roofed dormer turret. The fenestration includes various combinations of one-over-one sash windows as well as several large fixed-glass cottage windows with leaded, diamond quarrelled transoms. The principle decorative feature of the exterior is the broad porch extending across the front with its turned balusters, panelled frieze, and circular turret on the west end.

The interior consists of four main rooms symmetrically arranged on either side of a central stair hall with a kitchen, bath, pantry and basement stairs located in a rear wing. The second floor is divided into four small bedrooms and a bath opening from a central hall.

The entrance with leaded glass diamond quarrelled sidelights leads into the main hall. Flanking the entrance, five-panel pocket doors lead into the former parlor on the west and the library on the east. The U-shaped staircase, like the rest of the woodwork, is finished in a dark stain and varnished. It has a panelled square newell post and closely-spaced, turned balusters.

The former parlor, the dining room behind it, the library or living room, and the bedroom are all simply finished with dark oak woodwork and plastered walls and ceilings. The dining room has a corner fireplace with a plain, monolithic marble facing replacing the original mantel. Originally there was a plate rail around the walls of the parlor and dining room which has been removed. The rear of the house and the bedrooms are simply finished with the same woodwork and doors as the main rooms. Throughout the structure are polished hardwood floors.

To the rear of the house are a two-story carriage house and a matching one-story shed. These structures were probably erected in the 1870s and were originally associated with the older farmhouse still standing to the east. They are both gable-roofed, board-and-batten buildings with six-over-six sash windows, plain frieze boards at the eaves and small cupola ventilators with scrollsaw brackets and filigree ornamented finials. Unlike the house, which has cut-stone, these buildings have randomly-laid, field stone foundations. Both the carriage house and the shed have been somewhat altered by the addition of twentieth-century garage doors, but otherwise remain in original condition.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific dates 1899

Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Orson Everitt House is architecturally significant as an intact, Queen Anne, pattern book cottage. Its handsome setting and fine outbuildings enhance its importance in rural Wayne County where few such structures have preserved their architectural integrity. It is historically significant for its associations with an old Wayne County family and as a reminder of nineteenth century farm life in a rapidly urbanizing region.

The Everitt family settled on the original 314 acre farm in 1830. Within a few years the simple clapboarded house just to the east of the Orson Everitt House was erected. The family prospered and probably in the 1860s or 1870s the present carriage house and shed were constructed. The Everitt Farm eventually included seven barns and produced a full range of crops and vegetables.

The subject of this nomination was erected by Orson Everitt about 1899 in the former carriage yard to the west of the old family homestead. Orson was a member of the third generation of the Everitt family on the farm. The property remained in his wife's possession after his death until 1918, when the farm was sold out of the family. In later years the property was divided and the two houses were sold separately.

The design for the Orson Everitt House was probably selected from one of the many house plan books available at the time. A similar design, for example, was published in Herbert C. Chivers' Artistic Homes. This popular catalogue of house designs went through several editions and was widely circulated in the midwest in the late 1890s and early 1900s. It cannot be asserted that this particular book was the source of the Everitt House design, since similar plans can be found in other publications of the period.

In succeeding years the house was well maintained as a residence. In 1979 it was purchased by the present owners and converted to office use. A restoration architect was employed and the house was thoroughly restored. No substantial changes were made in the floor plan and all of the period detailing was retained. The rehabilitation of the house and the layout of the parking on the grounds were accomplished so sympathetically that today the property still maintains outwardly the appearance of a turn-of-the-century farmstead. The owner's have applied for historic designation as a recognition of the buildings' historic and architectural value.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Wayne County Records
Chivers, Herbert C., Artistic Houses. St. Louis, c. 1900.
Livonia Historic Preservation Commission Files

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

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Quadrangle name Northville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification A parcel of land in the city of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Town 1 South, Range 9 East, described as beinning at a point on the South Section line, (continued)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Les Vollmert

organization Michigan History Division

date May 7, 1980

street & number Department of State

telephone (517) 373-0510

city or town Lansing

state Michigan 48918

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Martin M. Bigelow

title Director, Michigan History Division

date 7/18/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Bruce Van Orman

date 10-14-80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Emmagine Saye*

date 10-6-80

Chief of Registration *Regional Coordinator*

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10. Verbal boundary description (continued)

distant East 785.89 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 6 and proceeding thence East along said line 160.16 feet; thence North 1 degree 15 minutes 40 seconds East 220.05 feet; thence North 42 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds West 27 feet; thence due West 50 feet; thence due South 20 feet; thence due West 95.01 feet; thence due South 220 feet to the point of beginning, excepting the South 60 feet thereof.

Property

Everett, Orson, House

80001933

State

ME, Wayne

Working Number

8.4.80.2045

TECHNICAL

Photos

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Maps

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CONTROL

HISTORIAN

1899 frame, pattern book cottage is architecturally signif. as example of the Queen Anne style applied to this domestic building type. Built by third generation of farm family whose original homestead is nearby but in separate ownership & not included in this nomination. Out bldgs. (carriage house & shed) pre-date the cottage (1870s) & are contributing in terms of the historic setting of the 1899 farmstead.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept.
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ARCHEOLOGIST

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REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept.
Saye 10-6-80

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

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Orson Everitt House
39040 West Seven Mile Road
Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan

Photographer: unknown

Date: April, 1980

Negative: Klein & Bloom, Attorneys at Law
39040 West Seven Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan

view: Looking east showing the front and
west side.

photo #: 1 of 7

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Orson Everitt House
39040 West Seven Mile Road
Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan

Photographer: unknown

Date: April, 1980

Negative: Klein & Bloom, Attorneys at Law
39040 West Seven Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan

view: Looking north at the facade.

photo #: 2 of 7

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Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan

Photographer: unknown

Date: April, 1980

Negative: Klein & Bloom, Attorneys at Law
39040 West Seven Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan

view: Looking toward the front door in the
first floor hall.

photo #: 3 of 7

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Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan

Photographer: unknown
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39040 West Seven Mile Road
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view: Looking toward the staircase in the
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Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan

Photographer: unknown

Date: April, 1980

Negative: Klein & Bloom, Attorneys at Law
39040 West Seven Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan

view: Looking northeast toward the carriage
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Orson Everitt House
39040 West Seven Mile Road
Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan

Photographer: unknown

Date: April, 1980

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39040 West Seven Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan

view: Looking southwest at the shed.
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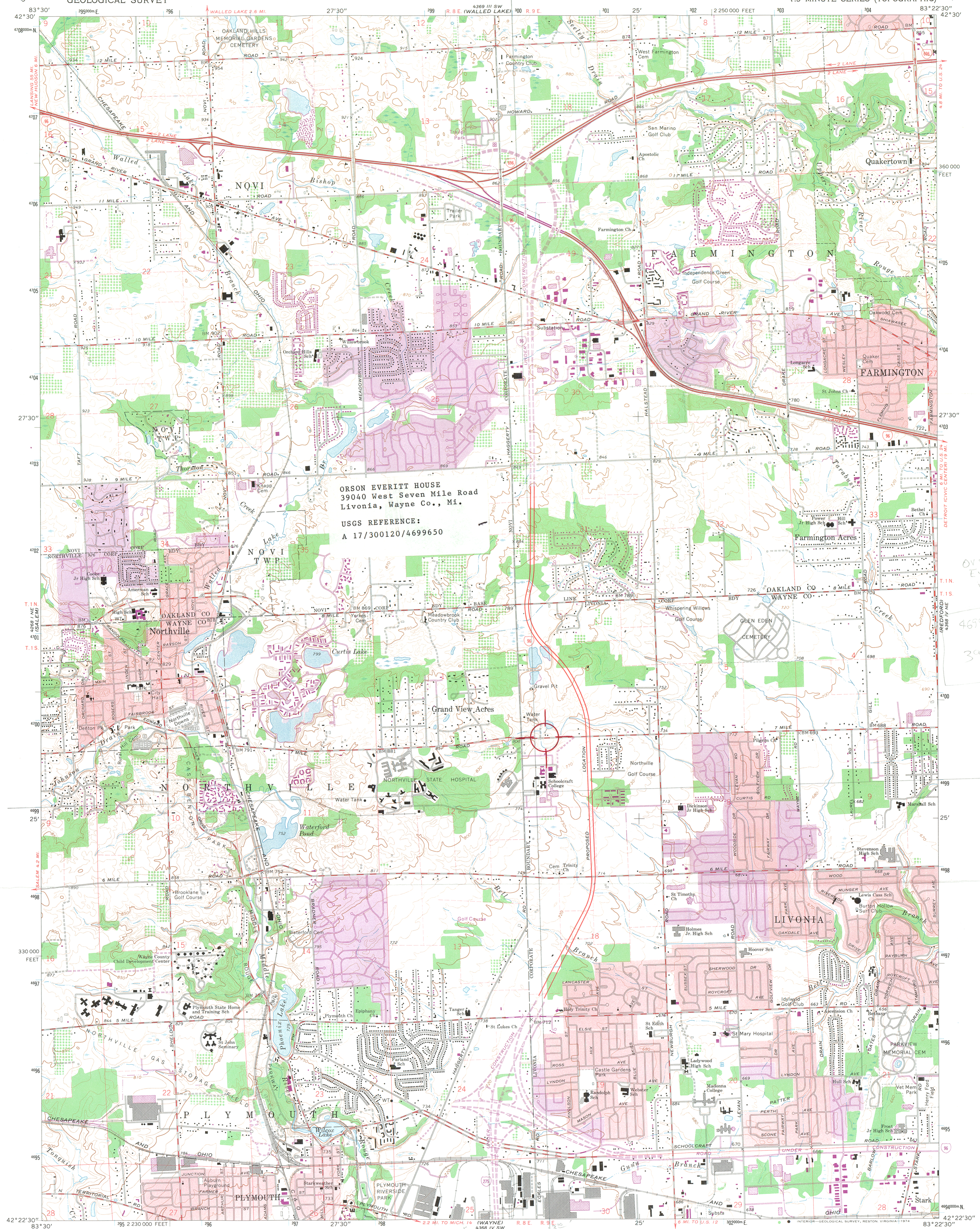
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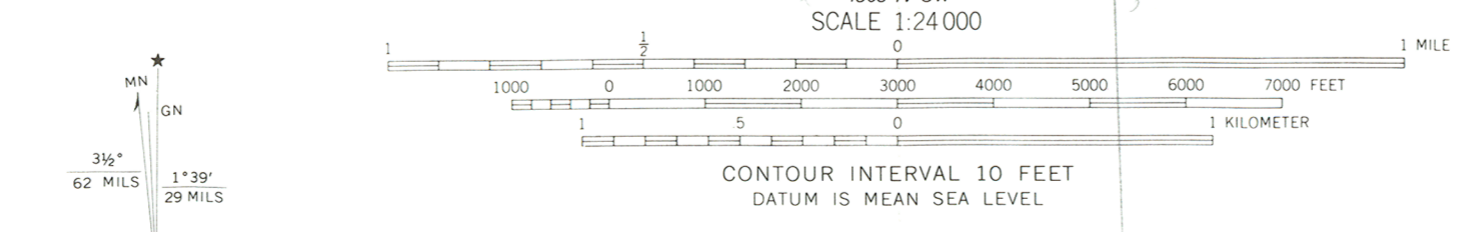
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ORSON EVERITT HOUSE
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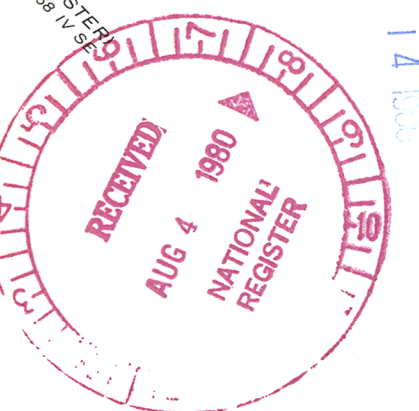


ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
Interstate Route

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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| Everitt, Orson, House | Livonia Wayne County |
| Everts, Caleb, House | Davisburg vicinity Oakland County |
| Fisher and New Center Buildings | Detroit Wayne County |
| Stearns, Frederick, Building | Detroit Wayne County |
| West Village District | Detroit Wayne County |

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13th Congressional District

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