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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 Village of Metamora

and/or common Metamora Crossroads Historic District

2. Location

*oak and High Sts.*

street & number The District includes properties on... N/A not for publication

city, town Metamora N/A vicinity of

state Michigan code 26 county Lapeer code 087

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership (See property owners list on continuation sheets)

street & number

city, town Metamora N/A vicinity of state Michigan 48455

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds

street & number Lapeer County Courthouse

city, town Lapeer state Michigan 48446

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1981-1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Michigan History Division/Michigan Department of State

city, town Lansing state Michigan 48918

## 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date (See Text)

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Metamora Township in Lapeer County, Michigan is a rich rural area of rolling hills dotted with horse farms, hunt clubs, and large nineteenth and twentieth century residences. The tiny Village of Metamora stands near the township's center and serves as the commercial and service center for the 550 residents in the immediate area. The three-and-one-half acre Metamora Crossroads Historic District is located at the four-corners created by Metamora (Oak Street) and Dryden (High Street) Roads. Its fifteen buildings include modest religious, residential, governmental, and commercial structures reflecting brick and wood-framed construction and vernacular interpretations of Greek Revival, Gothic, and Italianate styling. While there have been modest changes in several of the buildings, none of these alterations are irreversible. Although most of the District's buildings were constructed between 1850 and 1910, most all retain their original uses and continue to serve the residents of their surrounding community.

the north side of High Street (Dryden Road) from 50 West High to 1 East High, the south side of High Street from the Oak Street (Metamora Road) centerline to 32 East High, the west side of Oak Street from 3998 Oak Street to 4018 Oak Street, and 4003 Oak Street on the east side of Oak Street.

Metamora Crossroads Historic District  
Property Owners List

1. Metamora-Hadley Masonic Lodge  
Metamora-Hadley Masonic Lodge  
c/o Mr. George Siverton  
32 East High Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(32 East High)
2. Metamora Township Hall and Opera House  
Metamora Township  
c/o Mrs. Chris Fantin  
730 West Dryden Road  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(28 East High)
3. Barrows Building  
R.J. Holden and Associates  
16 East High  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(16 East High)
4. Metamora Shell Service Station  
Owner  
Metamora Shell Service  
4003 Oak  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(4003 Oak - Non-contributing)
5. Stone Building  
First National Bank of Lapeer - Metamora Branch  
c/o Roberta Schmiedeknecht  
4000 Oak  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(4000 Oak)
6. Wilder Brothers Building  
Metamora Pro Hardware  
c/o Floyd Walker  
3998 Oak  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(3998 Oak)
7. Ammerman Building/Hoard House

- White Horse Inn  
c/o Robert Champagne  
1 East High  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(1 East High)
8. House  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walker  
12 West High  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(12 West High)
9. House  
Property Owner  
20 West High  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(20 West High)
10. House  
Gerald Shea  
40 West High  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(40 West High)
11. Pilgrim Congregational Church Parsonage  
Pilgrim Congregational Church  
c/o Louis P. Wislocki, Pastor  
50 West High  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(50 West High)
12. Pilgrim Congregational Church  
Pilgrim Congregational Church  
c/o Louis P. Wislocki, Pastor  
50 West High  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(50 West High)
13. Commercial Building  
Al Coleman  
4018 Oak  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(4018 Oak)
14. Bank Building

Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Attorney at Law  
1291 Pratt Road  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
(4012 Oak)

15. Henderson Building  
Jerome Kaminski  
2531 Henry  
Lapeer, Michigan 48446  
(4010 Oak)

EXPANDED STATEMENT

The Metamora Crossroads Historic District in Metamora, Michigan, is a four-corners cluster of modest one- and two-story religious, governmental, residential, and commercial buildings (Photos # 7 and #8). They stand at the intersection of Metamora (Oak Street) and Dryden (High Street) Roads in southern rural Lapeer County. The District is only three-and-one-half acres in size and contains fifteen brick and wood-framed buildings dating primarily from 1850 to 1910. Despite its small size, the District nonetheless displays some good vernacular interpretations of the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century styles in architecture. The complicated wood surface treatment and vertical massing of the 1878 Victorian Gothic-styled Pilgrim Congregational Church (Photo #1) at the District's west end, for example, contrasts beautifully with the severely formal quality and horizontal emphasis of the circa 1850 Greek Revival-styled inn (Photo #2) at the east end. Sandwiched in between is a highly inventive array of early- to late-Italianate styles which dominate the District. Elements typical of Italianate design are found in both residential (Photo #3) and commercial buildings: molded lintels, rounded arch window enframements, decorative brick cornicelines, and paired brackets. Traces of Romanesque- and Queen Anne-inspired elements also are seen in the commercial architecture, whether in the rounded arch entrance of the Township Hall and Opera House (Photo #4) or the small paned glass window transoms of the Henderson Building (Photo #5). Wood-framed buildings tend to be painted white although some commercial frame and brick structures use muted beige, green, or yellow tones in their color schemes. The skyline reflects an array of various shapes: hipped roofs with wide, bracketed eaves, steeply gabled silhouettes, ornately detailed brick commercial cornices, and even a high "boomtown" roofline.

Separated by no significant open spaces, the compact District's fifteen buildings include ten commercial structures, four houses, and one church. The architectural integrity of the District remains strong; with only one non-contributing building, a gas station (Photo #9), the intrusion rate is only 6 percent. Recent alterations are few. One store front has been remodeled, one house has been aluminum sided, and exterior wood panelling replaces the broad plate glass windows of the Masonic Temple. But, these changes are not irreversible. In fact, the Metamora Historical Society, which currently leases the Metamora Township

Hall and Opera House, is removing the "perma-stone" and exposing the original brickwork of the Hall's front facade (Photo #4). Original use has also been preserved, in various degrees, in all of the buildings. The circa 1850 inn is now a restaurant; the Township Hall and Opera House, once the center of local government and a public gathering place, is still fully used for public meetings and displays of the Metamora Historical Society; the church shelters its founding congregation; the residences and commercial buildings retain their original functions. The District includes all of Metamora's historic commercial center. Several newer commercial buildings are located to the south along Oak Street. To the southeast and southwest of town, small twentieth century residential neighborhoods exist while individual homes flank Oak Street to the north and High Street to the east. Nestled in picturesque rolling hills, the Village of Metamora is surrounded by hunt clubs, horse farms, and secluded large-lot residences. The District's simple textures, design, and ornamentation are visually significant in this rich, natural landscape.

The Metamora Historical Society is an active historic preservation group involved in the revitalization of the Metamora Crossroads Historic District. Its evolution began in 1979 when a local area history, Metamora Among the Hills, was written and a quilt was sewn to commemorate Metamora's heritage. In the last three years, the Metamora Historical Society's Heritage Committee has worked closely with the Genesee-Lapeer-Shiawassee Region V Planning and Development Commission on more fully developed preservation activities. Region V, in 1981, completed a broad-brush survey of the architectural resources in Lapeer County using U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Technical Assistance funds combined with state grant and local dues monies. In 1982, using federal grant-in-aid funds administered through the Michigan History Division's (MHD) Survey and Planning Program, selection criteria were developed, Lapeer County resources documented during the 1981 survey were researched and prioritized, and preservation implementation activities were discussed. The Lapeer County Historic Preservation Plan was the result of these 1982 efforts and the Village of Metamora was reviewed in its text. The Metamora Historical Society's Heritage Committee began actively to promote its prioritized resources through implementation of a local plaque program, activities with Region V to complete an intensive photo-inventory of the proposed Metamora Crossroads Historic District, and research on pivotal District sites. Late in 1982, the MHD staff, working with Region V and the Heritage Committee, helped refine the District's boundaries; during 1983, the National Register nomination for the District was drafted and presented to the Michigan Historic Preservation Review Board. While the National

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Register designation process is underway, the Committee and Region V currently are working with commercial owners to inform them of the tax advantages available through the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 and to insure that renovation efforts are in keeping with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards For Rehabilitation. In particular, work is underway to help save the Wilder Brothers Building (Photo #10), whose condition currently is slipping from fair to deteriorated, and to rehabilitate both the Henderson Building (Photo #5) and the Metamora Township Hall and Opera House (Photo #4).

Descriptive Inventory Of  
Contributing Buildings

<u>Site</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Metamora-Hadley Masonic Lodge 32 East High Street	Built in 1907 by Marion Barnes as a combination store and Masonic Temple, this two-story, red brick building has been little altered except that exterior wood panelling has replaced the glass display windows.
2. Metamora Township Hall and Opera House 28 East High Street (Pivotal) (Photo #4)	Dedicated in 1888, this one-story, red brick Romanesque Revival-inspired structure was built to serve as the community's Township Hall and Opera House. "Perma-Stone" added to the front facade is being removed by the building's present tenant, the Metamora Historical Society.
3. Barrows Building 16 East High Street (Pivotal) (Photo #6)	Built circa 1866 by Eber Barrows, village founder, this two-story, wood-framed and clapboard-sheathed Italianate commercial building is highlighted by a high "boomtown" cornice. Sometime after 1872, Elias L'Hommedieu moved the building to its present High Street location from elsewhere in the village. L'Hommedieu, a long-term owner, used the relocated structure as a harness shop.

5. Stone Building  
4000 Oak Street  
(Pivotal)  
(Photo #11)
- Built in 1879 by Dr. David Stone, this two-story Italianate commercial building has elaborate brick work decorating its six-bay front facade. A coat of paint and new windows and door are the major alterations.
6. Wilder Brothers  
Building  
3998 Oak Street  
(Pivotal)  
(Photo #10)
- Built circa 1870 by the Wilder Brothers, the structure served as a hardware store for many years. The wood-framed and clapboard-sheathed two-story building is Italianate in styling. An original storefront, elaborate rounded arch windows, and an unusual corniceline frieze provide ornamentation for the front facade. A single story north wing was used as a post office but now is part of the original commercial space.
7. Ammerman Building/  
Hoard House  
1 East High Street  
(Pivotal)  
(Photo #2)
- Built circa 1850 by Daniel Ammerman as a two-story, frame Greek Revival-styled village store, the building has an irregular "H" floorplan. The structure was then adapted by Lorenzo Hoard as an inn. Alterations to the first floor windows have changed the appearance of the building's main block, but are well executed and have gained significance in their own right. The building continues to function as a restaurant.
8. Walker House  
12 West High Street
- This one-and-one-half -story post-World War II frame residence is a compatible and contributing building to the district by virtue of its unobtrusive twenty foot setback and simple design. The home reflects the Village of Metamora's modest but continuing growth.
9. House  
20 West High Street  
(Photo #3)
- This two-story, wood-frame Italianate residence has a low hipped roof, bracketed eaves, simple wood sheathing, and a wrap-around porch. It was built circa 1870 and remains little changed today.

10. House  
40 West High Street  
This two-story, wood-frame Greek Revival residence with "T" floorplan, single-story north wing, fascia windows, and recessed porch was built circa 1850.
11. Pilgrim Congregational Church Parsonage  
50 West High Street  
Built circa 1930, the two-story, aluminum-sided, wood-frame church parsonage has a steeply pitched gable roof, shed roof dormer, and a front porch detailed with sets of three squared colonnettes.
12. Pilgrim Congregational Church  
50 West High Street  
(Pivotal)  
(Photo #1)  
The Pilgrim Congregational Church was built in 1878 and reflects Gothic styling. Wood-framed and clapboard-sheathed, the church features Gothic-arched windows, decorative bargeboards, and a corner tower with open top-story, carved spandrels, and steeply pitched hipped roof.
13. Commercial Building  
4018 Oak Street  
Built in 1911, this single story brick building is detailed with an off-center door and simply dentilated corniceline. The building recently was altered when it was painted, had its front display windows filled with wood panelling, and was fitted with a new front entry door enframement.
14. Bank Building  
4012 Oak Street  
The Bank Building is a single-story, red brick commercial building constructed circa 1890. A stepped, brick cornice-line and brick side piers are its main decorative features. The building's first floor has been altered.
15. Henderson Building  
4010 Oak Street  
(Pivotal)  
(Photo #5)  
The single-story, brick Henderson Building combines Italianate and Queen Anne style elements. Built circa 1890, the building currently is undergoing restoration.

Descriptive Inventory  
Non-Contributing Buildings

4. Metamora Shell Service
- L. H. Johnson a m 1

4003 Oak  
(Photo #9)

The gas station is a one-story,  
concrete block building constructed  
circa 1950.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Beers, F.W. Atlas of Lapeer County, Michigan. New York, New York:  
F.W. Beers Company, 1974.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.5 acres

Quadrangle name Metamora Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References (Note: The single USGS Coordinate for the small District is taken at the point of intersection of Oak and High Streets.)

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B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

DESCRIPTION: The NORTHERN BOUNDARY of the District begins at the northwest corner of the property at 50 West High Street, moves  
(continued)

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			
N/A			

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sarah W. Eubanks, Regional Planner

organization GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission April, 1983

Bishop Airport Terminal Building

street & number G-3425 W. Bristol Rd., Suite 239 telephone 313-234-0340

city or town Flint state Michigan 48507

## 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Marta M. Bigelow*

title Director, Michigan History Division

date 5/29/84

For NPS use only

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

*Frances Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 7/19/84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1850-1910 Builder/Architect (See text)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

### SUMMARY STATEMENT

The significance of the Metamora Crossroads Historic District in Metamora, Michigan, stems from two sources. The Village of Metamora is an early rural Lapeer County settlement that began as a pioneer way station, grew to become Metamora Township's agricultural supply, governmental, and commercial center, and later prospered as a railroad trans-shipment point for locally grown agricultural products and incoming manufactured goods. Because the village stopped growing before World War I but never entered a period of serious decline, the preserved condition of its architecture and small-town functions makes it a prototypical reflection of early rural economic development in Lapeer County. As such, it reflects events that made contributions to the early and broad patterns of rural growth in Lapeer County and Michigan. Second, the District contains good vernacular examples of late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century architectural styles in its residential, commercial, governmental, and religious structures. With its array of Greek Revival, Gothic, and Italianate buildings, the Village of Metamora embodies the distinctive characteristics of types and periods of design important to an understanding of rural Michigan's architectural history.

EXPANDED STATEMENT

There is nothing unusual about the historic development of the Village of Metamora, Michigan. No inventions, special events, or rich natural resources ushered in boom-times for the small community. Instead, Metamora's distinction is in its prototypical evolution as the center of a nineteenth century Lapeer County farming community. This evolution consisted of three distinct phases, each of which left a lasting architectural impression on the District's landscape.

The first stage was the pioneer settlement of Metamora Township and the Village of Metamora between 1839 and 1850. "Barrow's Corners," as Metamora first was known, was settled by Eber Barrows in 1839. In 1843 he built a log way station and provided shelter and entertainment to travelers heading north to new settlement areas in Michigan. With the opening in 1848 of the Territorial Road (Metamora Road) as the major north-south route from Pontiac to Lapeer City and with the establishment of a stage coach line soon after, hotels began to dot Metamora Township's landscape. These new establishments were permanent and comparatively spacious structures and began replacing the earlier log cabin way stations. To keep pace, Barrow's shanty was modernized and renamed the Northern Exchange Hotel. It competed with but eventually lost its business to Lorenzo Hoard's House, an enlargement of Barrow's Corners' first village store built by Daniel Ammerman around 1850 (Photo #2). With a major transportation route bisecting it and lay-over establishments available for travellers, the small settlement began to grow.

The second period of growth lasted from 1850 to 1872 and was marked by an increasing number of agriculturally related services being concentrated at the crossroads. The land around the tiny settlement was not unusually rich. Indeed, the soils were not considered good enough for most cereal crops and vegetables. Instead, farmers used the land for sheep raising and the growing of apples, both activities becoming mainstays of the area's economy by the Civil War. Wagon and blacksmith shops and a general store were established near the corners of Oak and High Streets to serve the farmers and their families. Two doctors moved into the community to serve the growing population. Eber Barrows and the Wilder Brothers constructed Italianate commercial buildings in the late 1860s (Photos #6 and #10). By 1872, the village center was strong enough to be selected as a stop for the Detroit and Bay City Railroad, a prize which ensured its future growth and development.

No longer just a "corner" or a post office, Metamora received its more dignified name during its third and final phase of development that lasted from 1872 to about 1910. As the village began to meet the accelerated demand for the transport of local agricultural products to outside markets and the receipt of goods manufactured outside the area, business and community investment increased. Brick commercial buildings replaced frame ones, new churches and schools were constructed, and the village population steadily grew. The Stone Building constructed in 1879 and the Pilgrim Congregational Church dedicated in 1878 reflected local builders' inventive architectural expressions of Italianate and Gothic styles (Photos #1 and #11). Theatrical acts and prominent speakers travelling the midwest circuits by rail performed in Metamora's 1888 Town Hall and Opera House complete with its Romanesque-inspired facade, full stage, and spacious hall (Photo #4). By 1890 growth had slowed, but several additional commercial buildings were constructed prior to the close in 1910 of this last era of Metamora's development.

By 1910, the automobiles produced in nearby Flint and Detroit were changing the way Americans lived, where they worked, and where they travelled for entertainment and recreation. Metamora, like countless other small towns within twenty miles of major urban centers, began to lose its residents and shop owners to Pontiac to the south and Flint to the west. While decline was evident, however, it was never devastating. By the 1920s, a new generation of property owners was transforming the rural landscape into one highlighted by horse-breeding farms and hunt clubs. Wealth generated by the Detroit automobile industry began to effect the area's development. The village continued to provide residents in the township with convenience shopping so crossroads buildings remained in use. Due to an unusual level of local pride, historic awareness on the part of residents, a solid base of community wealth, and activities of the Metamora Historical Society, the buildings of the Metamora Crossroads Historic District remained intact and now face a new era of revitalization.

Diary of Abram B. Coryell. Excerpts held in the central site files of the Michigan History Division, 208 North Capitol Avenue - Third Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48918.

Dunham, F.A. Atlas and Directory of Lapeer County, Michigan. Plainfield, New Jersey: Lapeer County Atlas Company, 1893.

Ellis, Dee. Pioneer Families and History of Lapeer County, Michigan. Lapeer, Michigan: Ellis Publishing Company, 1978.

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Metamora Historical Society. Metamora Among the Hills. Lapeer, Michigan: Metamora Friends of the Library, 1979.

Ogle, George A. Standard Atlas of Lapeer County, Michigan. Chicago, Illinois: George A. Ogle and Company, 1906.

Page, H.R. History of Lapeer County, Michigan With Illustrations and Bibliographic Sketches of Some of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers. Chicago, Illinois; H.R. Page Company, 1884.

eastward along the northern property lines of West High Street, crosses Oak Street, and continues to the northeast corner of the property at 1 East High Street. From this point, it moves south along the side (east) boundary of the property at 1 East High Street until it reaches a point where the extended side (east) boundary of the property at 1 East High Street intersects with the center line of East High Street. From this point, it moves eastward along the centerline of East High Street until it reaches a point where the centerline intersects with the extended side (east) property line of the property at 32 East High Street.

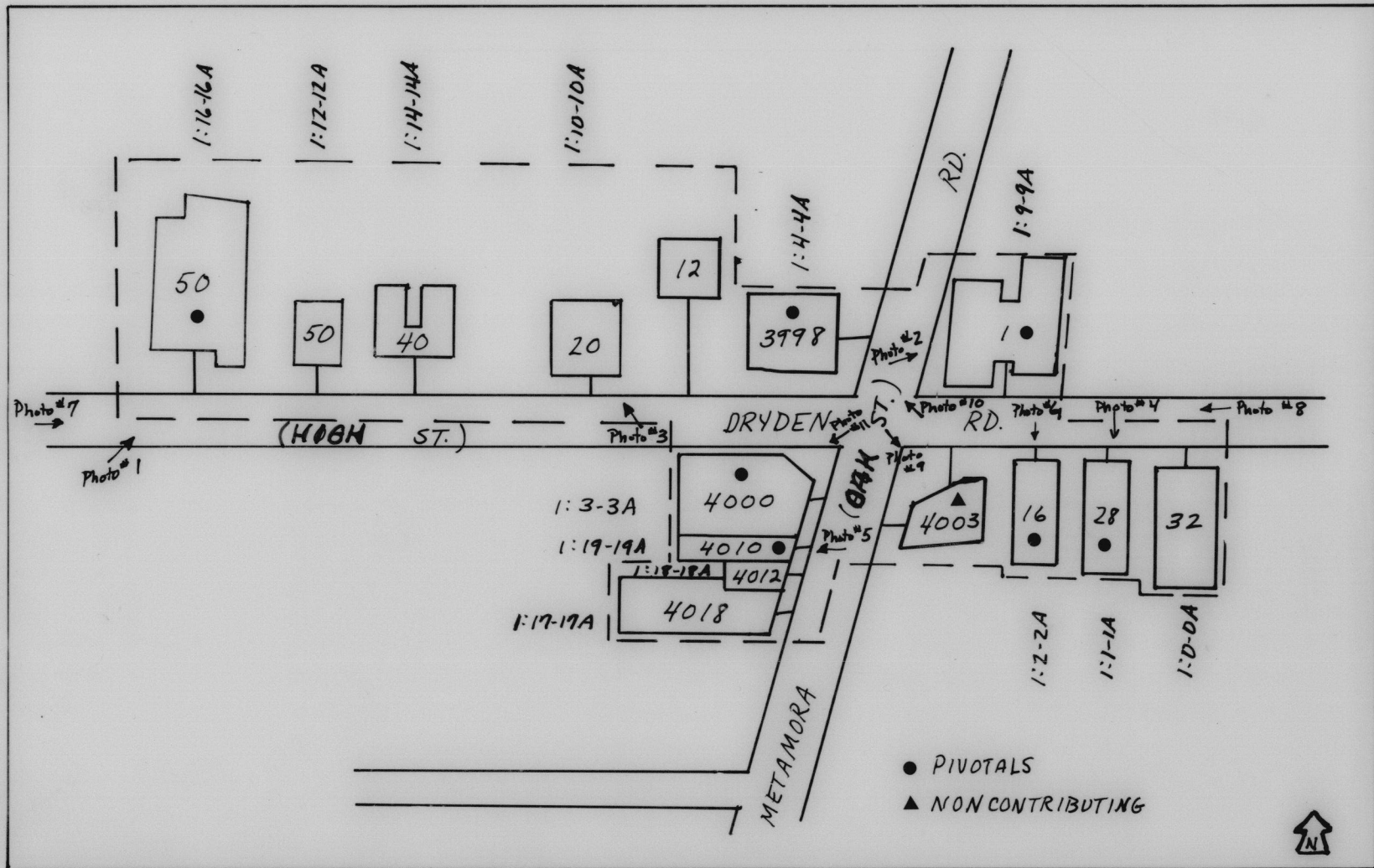
The EASTERN BOUNDARY of the District begins at the point where the extended side (east) property line of the property at 32 East High Street intersects with the centerline of East High Street and moves southward to the southeast corner of the property at 32 East High Street.

The SOUTHERN BOUNDARY begins at the southeast corner of the property at 32 East High Street, and moves westward along the southern property lines of East High Street and the side (south) property line of 4003 Oak until it reaches a point where the extended side (south) property line of 4003 Oak intersects the center line of Oak Street. From this point, the boundary travels southward along the centerline of Oak Street to a point where the centerline of Oak Street meets the extended side (south) property line of 4018 Oak Street. From this point, it continues along the side (south)

property line of 4018 Oak Street to the southwest corner of that property. From this point, the District boundary continues northward along the western building lines of Oak Street to the centerline of West High Street. From this point, it continues westward along the centerline of West High Street to a point where the extended side (west) property line of the property at 50 West High Street meets the centerline of West High Street.

The WESTERN BOUNDARY of the District starts from the point where the extended side (west) property line of the property at 50 West High Street meets the centerline of West High Street and continues to the northwest property corner of the property at 50 West High Street, THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

JUSTIFICATION; See expanded text for Item Number 7 - Description.



METAMORA CROSSROADS HISTORIC DISTRICT

SCALE: 1/2" = 50' (approx.)

PREPARED BY: GLS Region V PDC  
APRIL, 1983

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Metamora Crossroads Historic District  
Lapeer County  
MICHIGAN

Working No. JUN 18 1984

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.88

Date Due: 7/19/84 - 8/2/84

Action:  ACCEPT 7-19-84

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the  
National Register

- 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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period Areas 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

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 \_\_\_\_\_

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



- 2-4
1. Historic Name: Village  
of Metamora  
Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(Pilgrim Congregational  
Church)

2. 50 West High Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County
3. Sarah Ward Eubanks
4. Spring, 1983
5. Michigan History Division
6. Photographer facing NE
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1. Historic Name: Village of  
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Common Name: Metamora  
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2. 1 East High Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County

3. Sarah Ward Eubanks

4. Spring, 1983

5. Michigan History Division

6. Photographer facing NE

7. Photo #2 of 11

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1. Historic Name: Village  
of Metamora

Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(House)

2. 20 West High Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County

3. Sarah Ward Eubanks

4. Spring, 1983

5. Michigan History Division

6. Photographer facing NW

7. Photo #3 of 11

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METAMORA TOWNSHIP HALL

1. Historic Name: Village  
of Metamora

Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(Metamora Township Hall  
and Opera House)

2. 28 East High Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County
3. Sarah Ward Eubanks
4. Winter, 1981
5. Michigan History Division
6. Photographer facing SW
7. Photo #4 of 11



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1. Historic Name: Village  
of Metamora

Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(Henderson Building)

2. 4010 Oak Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County
3. Sarah Ward Eubanks
4. Spring, 1983
5. Michigan History Division
6. Photographer facing W
7. Photo #5 of 11



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1. Historic Name: Village  
of Metamora

Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(Barrows Building)

2. 16 East High Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County

3. Sarah Ward Eubanks

4. Spring, 1983

5. Michigan History Division

6. Photographer facing SW

7. Photo #6 of 11



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1. Historic Name: Village of Metamora

Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(District Streetscape)

2. North side of West High Street, looking northeast from 50 West High Street toward the intersection of High and Oak Streets

Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County

3. Sarah Ward Eubanks

4. Spring, 1983

5. Michigan History Division

6. Photographer facing NE

7. Photo #7 of 11



1. Historic Name: Village of Metamora

Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(District Streetscape)

2. South side of East High Street, looking south-westward from 32 East High Street toward the intersection of High and Oak Streets

Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County

3. Sarah Ward Eubanks
4. Spring, 1983
5. Michigan History Division
6. Photographer facing SW
7. Photo #8 of 11

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1. Historic Name: Village of Metamora

Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(Metamora Shell Service  
Station - Non-contributing)

2. 4003 Oak Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County
3. Sarah Ward Eubanks
4. Spring, 1983
5. Michigan History Division
6. Photographer facing SE
7. Photo #9 of 11

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FOR THEIR COUNTRY

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1. Historic Name: Village  
of Metamora

Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(Wilder Brothers Building)

2. 3998 Oak Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County

3. Sarah Ward Eubanks

4. Spring, 1983

5. Michigan History Division

6. Photographer facing NW

7. Photo #10 of 11



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1. Historic Name: Village of  
Metamora

Common Name: Metamora  
Crossroads Historic  
District

(Stone Building)

2. 4000 Oak Street  
Metamora, Michigan 48455  
Lapeer County

3. Sarah Ward Eubanks

4. Spring, 1983

5. Michigan History Division

6. Photographer facing SW

7. Photo #11 of 11

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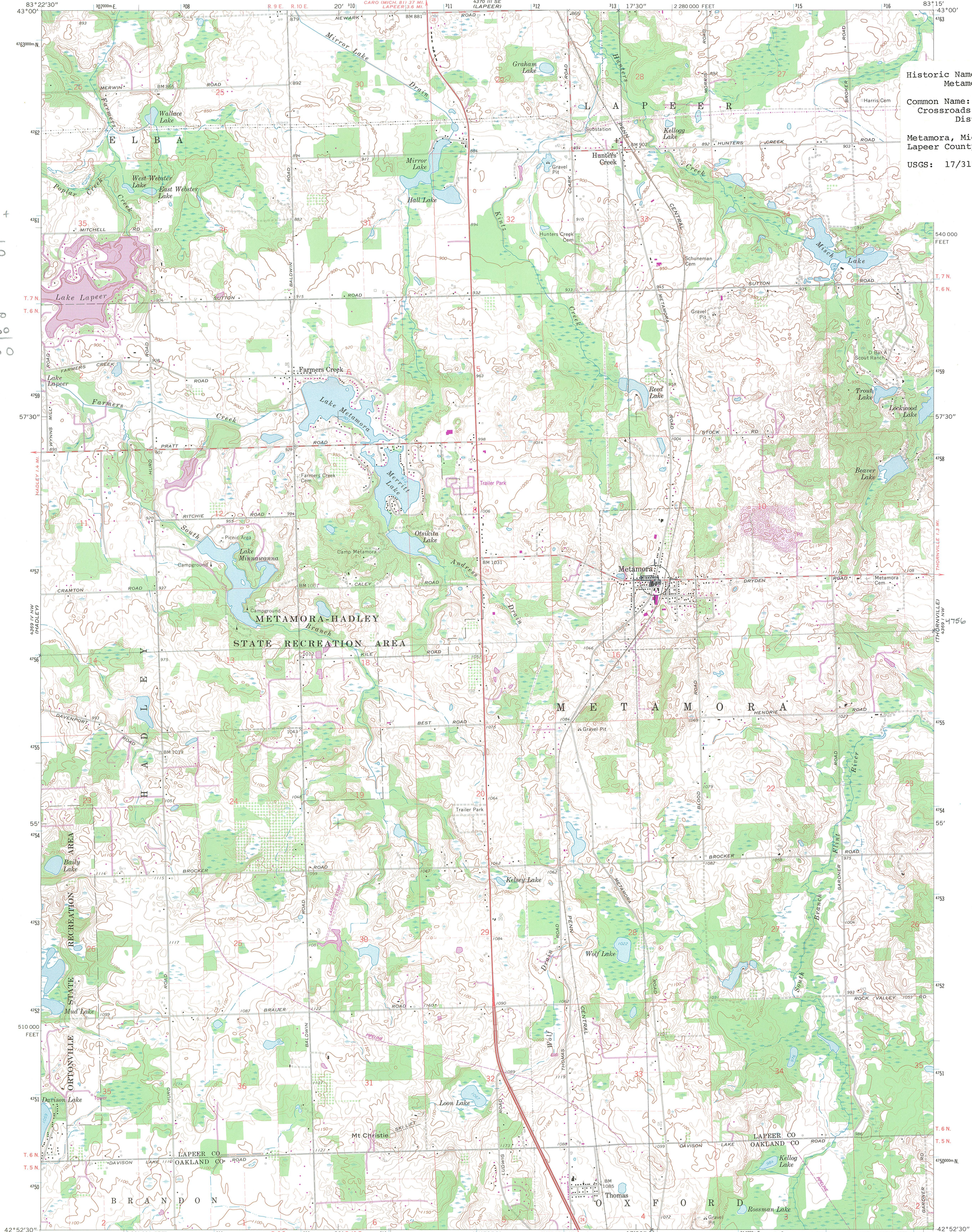
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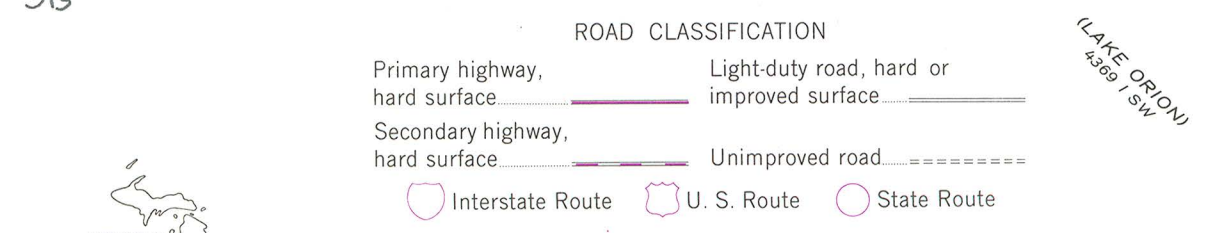
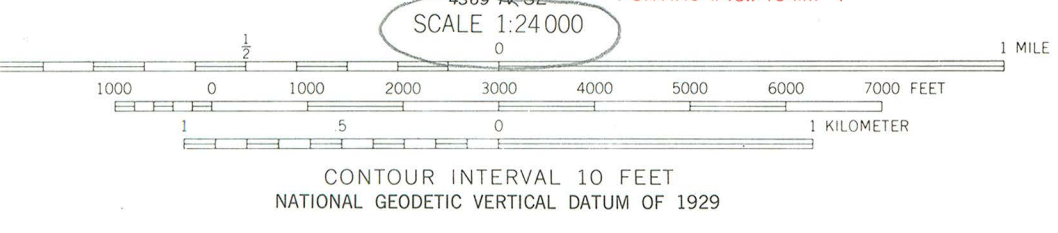
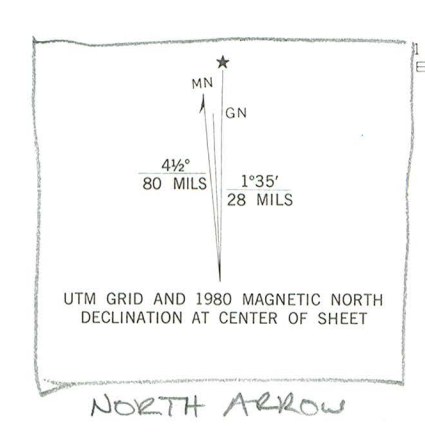
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January 24, 1984

Dr. Martha M. Bigelow  
Michigan History Division  
Michigan Department of State  
Lansing, Mi 48918

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MICHIGAN HISTORY DIVISION

Att: Kathryn B. Eckert

Under date of November 4, 1983 you notified me that a meeting would be held December 6, 1983 re:

Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places of the bank, 4012 Oak, Metamora, Michigan as part of the Metamora Crossroads Historic District, which includes properties on the north side of High Street (Dryden Road) from 50 West High to 1 East High and on the south side of High Street from the Oak Street (Metamora Road) centerline to 32 East High and includes both the east and west sides of Oak Street from ~~20~~ 4018 South Oak to 3998 North Oak.

I have heard nothing since the above mentioned communication, and would like to know what the Michigan Historic Preservation Board decided in regard to 4012 Oak St., Metamora, Michigan, and any other information you feel would be of interest to me.

Perhaps there has been some notice in the local papers, but we are in Florida at this time so have heard nothing.

Yours very truly,

*Margaret Campbell*

Margaret Campbell  
6675 Bay St.,  
St. Petersburg Beach, Fl. 33706

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February 9, 1984

Mrs. Margaret Campbell  
6675 Bay Street  
St. Petersburg Beach, Florida 33706

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

Thank you for your letter received January 27, 1984 concerning the National Register nomination for the Metamora Historic District that includes your bank property.

The nomination was reviewed by the Michigan Historic Preservation Review Board on December 6, 1983 and approved for submission to the National Register of Historic Places. I am in the process at this time of finishing all the paperwork, writing, mapping, and photographing required for the completed nomination. When the nomination is completed, it will be signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Dr. Martha M. Bigelow, and forwarded to Washington, D.C. for review by the National Register staff. You will receive written notification of the final decision by the National Register; I would not hesitate to say that it will still be a good six months before this final decision is forthcoming.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you might have regarding the National Register nomination process. I have enclosed a fact sheet that addresses many of the most common questions and concerns raised by property owners within historic districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet L. Kreger".

Janet L. Kreger  
Historic Preservation Coordinator  
Michigan History Division

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**R.J. Holden**  
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16 e. high st.  
metamora, michigan  
48455



March 31, 1984

Jamet L. Kregar  
Historic Preservation Coordinator  
Michigan History Division

Dear Mrs. Kregar,

I was pleased to know that we have passed the first hurdle in our goal to be on the National Historical Register

We're anxiously looking forward to the final designation for our community.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Kuebler

Vice President - Metamora Historical  
Society

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May 24, 1984

Ms. Carol D. Shull, Supervisory Historian  
National Register of Historic Places Branch  
Interagency Resource Management Division  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed are National Register of Historic Places nomination materials for the Metamora Crossroads Historic District in Metamora, Michigan. I certify that the intent-to-nominate notification requirements have been fulfilled. This property is being submitted for listing in the National Register. All notarized statements of objection and written comments concerning this property submitted to us prior to the submission of this nomination to you are enclosed.

Please direct all questions concerning this nomination to Janet L. Kreger, Historic Preservation Coordinator (517/373-0510).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha M. Bigelow".

Martha M. Bigelow, Director  
Michigan History Division  
and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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