



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: John Lamerato, Assistant City Manager, Finance and Administration
Cathy Russ, Library Director
Loraine Campbell, Museum Manager

SUBJECT: Preliminary Report to De-List Historic Resource at 5875 Livernois
(88-20-09-232-005)

Background:

- Attached for your review is a Preliminary Report from the Historic District Study Committee. This report has also been forwarded for review by the City of Troy Planning Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Michigan Historical Commission and the State Historic Preservation Review Board.
- This item is for informational purposes and is planned to be an action item in April 2009, following the sixty (60) day review period and a public hearing. If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Loraine Campbell.

Financial Considerations:

- There are no financial considerations.

Legal Considerations:

- The Preliminary Report was prepared at the request of Helen Davis, the owner of the historic resource at 5875 Livernois in adherence to Chapter 13 sec 14.B.1 of the City Code.

Policy Considerations:

- Troy is rebuilding for a healthy economy reflecting the values of a unique community in a changing and interconnected world

Options:

- No action is required at this time.

The Historic District Study Committee was established April 2004 pursuant to the Sec. 14.A of Chapter 13 of the City Code as amended February 16, 2004. A request to remove the historic designation of the house at 5875 Livernois was received from the present owner, Helen Davis in February 2008.

The following is the preliminary report by the Historic Home Study Committee and their recommendation to de-list the property.

Composition of Committee:

Kevin Lindsey:	Historical Commission and historic property owner
Linda Rivetto:	Graduate Student, EMU, Historic Preservation
Charlene Harris-Freeman:	Historic Homeowner
Paul Lin:	Architect, Historic District Commission
Bob Miller:	Historic Homeowner

Description of Resource:

5875 Livernois
Referred to as the Glenn- Hadden Farm

Legal Description of 5875 Livernois

(Tax ID no: 88-20-09-232-005) T2N, R11E, SEC 3, 4, 9 & 10 Supervisors Plat No. 7 Lot 13

History of Proposed District:

The property was originally purchased from the U.S. government by Johnson Niles and was conveyed to his son, G. H. Niles (1872 Plat map). Helen Jennings was listed as the owner on plat maps from 1896-1906. The 1916 Plat map shows John Hadden as the property owner. The original inventory nomination form indicated that the house at 5875 Livernois was built on the property about 1924. Between 1906 and 1940 the house transferred ownership several times: from C.L. Robinson, to J.F. Simpson, to Pallister and to Bruder (who owned the land in 1940). The Fiori family lived in the house in during the 1940s and 50s either as owners of renters (Viola Smith, Troy Corners resident.) M. Farrow came into possession of the property in 1963 (Liber 4469-529). William H. Price, owner of Price Funeral Home in Troy, purchased the house and land to the north in 1969 (Liber 7037 page 327) as a potential site for a funeral home. As part of a divorces settlement, Joan Price acquired the undeveloped property immediately north of the house and sold it to Joel Garrett who constructed commercial offices on the site. The house was purchased from William Price by William and Helen Davis. Mr. William Davis is now deceased. Helen Davis resides in the house.

Statement of Significance:

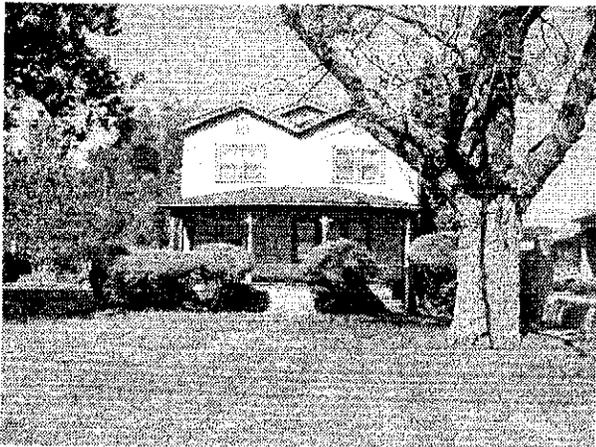
Apparently, the house was designated because of its association with the Price family that owns Price Funeral Home. However, the Price family did not build the house and there is no indication that they ever lived in the house. Further, the Study Committee feels that there would be insufficient historical significance to warrant local historic designation if Mr. Price had resided in the house. Prior to 1924 the land that the house stands on was open farm fields. None of the previous owners, including John Hadden were noteworthy.

The structure itself is not a prime example of craftsmanship architecture. Rather it is a simple farmhouse. The roofline in the front of the house has two gables.

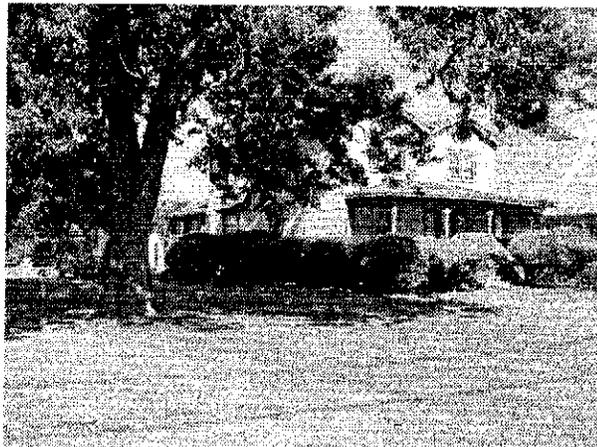
Photo Documentation

Attached.

Above Ground Survey for 5875 Livernois

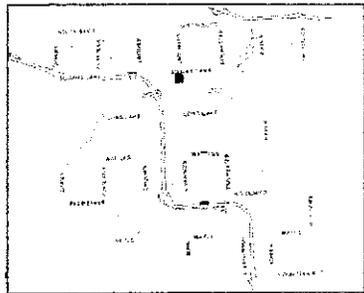
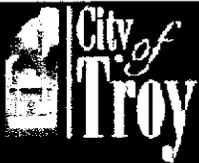


Front of house looking west.



Front of house looking northwest.

Notes:



Legend

- Road Centerline
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 - Local Roads
 - Major Roads
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 - Major Roads
- Parcels
- Surrounding Communities Roa
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 - 14; 16
- Aerial Photography - 2005
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 - Green: Band_2
 - Blue: Band_3
- Surrounding Communities
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 - 4
 - 5
 - 6

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NAD_1983_StatePlane_Michigan_South_FIPS_2113_IntlFeet
City of Troy Geographical Information Systems - Department of Information Technology

Note: The information provided by this application has been compiled from recorded deeds, plats, tax maps, surveys, and other public records and data. It is not a legally recorded map survey. Users of this data are hereby notified that the source information represented should be consulted for verification.

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